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BURDEN—January 3, 1941, at St. Anne's Nursing Home, Belfield, Limerick, to Margaret, wife of Henry Burden, 38 Lansdowne Park, Limerick, a son.

GEORGE—January 7, 1941, at Nagpur, India, to Joan, wife of Hugh S. George, I.F.S., a son.

WILSON—December 30, 1940, at "Lisieux" Nursing Home, to Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wilson, Baltinglass, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

ARTHUR and McFALL—December 7, 1940, at Castlane Church, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny, by the Rector, the Reverend T. H. C. McFall, M.A. (brother of the bride); Thomas Neil Arthur, M.B., B.Ch., R.A.F. Medical Service, second son of Dr. Alfred Arthur, Newport, Mon., and the late Mrs. Arthur, to Margaret Kingsborough, elder daughter of Robert John and Mrs. McFall, Monaghan, Ireland.

DEATHS.

ASKIN—January 9, 1941, at her residence, Rosebank, Termonfeckin, Co. Louth, Mary Lucinda, widow of Thomas Askin, late Manager of the Ulster Bank, Trim. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday), 11th, at St. Peter's Church, Drogheda, arriving 12 o'clock noon.

CASSIDY—January 8, 1941, at his residence, "Dreghorn," Dalkey, Patrick Cassidy. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral (private) this (Friday) morning, after 10 o'clock Mass at Church of the Assumption, Dalkey, to Glasnevin.

FAWCETT—January 9, 1941, at her residence, Avonlea, Bandon, Frances Jane Fawcett, eldest daughter of the late Benjamin C. Fawcett, formerly Rector of Kilbrogan. Funeral private. No flowers.

GILES—January 9, 1941, Mary W. Giles, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Robertson, 44 Malone avenue, Belfast. Funeral strictly private.

HUMPHRYS—January 9, 1941, at Newtownards, Mary Mayfield, widow of Samuel H. Humphrys, Kilduff, Co. Cavan, and eldest daughter of the late George Elliott, J.P., Arvagh, Co. Cavan. Funeral strictly private.

INGRAM—January 9, 1941 (late of Hallett and Ingram, Contractors), at 10 Lower Fitzwilliam street, Dublin. Funeral arrangements later.

JORDAN—January 8, 1941, at her residence, 4 Deane road, Liverpool, Sarah, in her 104th year, wife of the late Rev. William Jordan, The Bawn, County Armagh, and daughter of the late Rev. George Nesbitt, Kilkeel, Co. Down.

MacLAUGHLIN—January 8, 1941, at Ballinamona, Knocklong, peacefully, Grace Arabella, second daughter of the late Revd. Alexander MacLaughlin. Funeral private.

MACNAMARA—On Tuesday, January 7, 1941, Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Hastings Macnamara, D.L., late Royal Dublin Fusiliers, of The Holme, near Burnley, Lancashire, youngest son of the late Rawdon Macnamara, F.R.C.S., of Dublin and County Clare. Funeral at St. John's Church, Holme-in-Clivjger, tomorrow (Saturday), the 11th inst., at 2 o'clock.

McNULTY—January 9, 1941, at her residence, Killala House, Killala, Co. Mayo, Mary, widow of Dr. John McNulty. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to Parish Church to-day (Friday) at 4 p.m. (S.T.). Solemn Requiem Mass at 11 a.m. (S.T.) to-morrow (Saturday). Funeral immediately afterwards to Leigue Cemetery.

MORGAN—January 8, 1941 (late of 189 Oxmantown road, Dublin), Julia, relict of the late Thomas Morgan. Deeply regretted. Funeral leaves Franciscan Church, Merchant's quay, after 10 o'clock Mass, to-day (Friday) for Glasnevin.

O'CARROLL—January 5, 1941, John Thomas O'Carroll, of 129 Queen's road, Richmond, aged 98.

OLIVES—November 11, 1940, in Algiers, "May," beloved wife of Pastor Michel L. Olives, and daughter of the late Marcus Eustace, F.R.C.P.S.I., and Mrs. Eustace, late of Knockrath, Greystones, and Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

PARK—January 9, 1941, at a Dublin hospital, the Rev. John Oliver Park, B.A., D.D., Methodist Minister, in his 96th year. Service at the Methodist Centenary Church, St. Stephen's Green, to-morrow (Saturday) at 9.30 a.m. Funeral afterwards to Dean's Grange Cemetery. No flowers. American papers please copy.

POË—January 9, 1941, at 15 Patrick street, Kilkenny (suddenly), Susan, daughter of the late Mr. James Poë, aged 79 years. Service in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, to-morrow (Saturday), 11th inst., at 3 o'clock (S.T.). Funeral immediately afterwards to St. Kieran's Cemetery, Kilkenny. No flowers. "Peace, perfect peace."

ROCHE—On Thursday evening, January 9, 1941, at his residence, Albion House, Tramore, Co. Waterford, Bernard A. Roche, Chief Divisional Superintendent of the Irish Assurance Company, and formerly of Prudential Assurance Company, Waterford Area. Remains will be removed to Church of the Holy Cross, Tramore, at 6.30 p.m. to-day (Friday). Requiem Office and High Mass at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday). Funeral immediately after to St. Mary's, Ballygunner. Deeply regretted by his wife, children, sisters, brothers. No flowers. R.I.P.

ROTHWELL—January 9, 1941, at Kilnock House, Tullow, Co. Carlow, Richard Samuel Rothwell, of Cranemore House, Kildavin. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday), 2 p.m. (S.T.), to Kildavin.

SHANNON—January 9, 1941, at 25 Queen street, Clonmel, Charles P. Shannon, Retired Inspector of National Schools. R.I.P. Funeral to SS. Peter and Paul's, Clonmel, at 5 o'clock this (Friday) evening. Funeral arriving Glasnevin, Dublin, tomorrow (Saturday), 11.30 a.m.

SMITH—January 8, 1941, at her residence, 29 Nelson street, Dublin, Sarah Ellen Smith. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral to-day (Friday) at 11 a.m. to Mount Jerome.

STURDY—January 9, 1941, Christopher Sturdy, at his residence, Gortloskey, Donegal. Funeral arrangements later.

TECTOR—Mrs. Mary Anne Savile Tector, widow of Moses Tector, at her residence, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny.
"Until the day break and the shadows flee away" (Cant. ii., 17).

WYNNE—January 9, 1941, Elizabeth Ann (Lily), dearly-beloved wife of James Wynne, 4 Wolseley street, South Circular road, Dublin. Service at St. Victor's Church, Donore avenue, 9.15 a.m., tomorrow (Saturday), and interment, Mount Jerome, 10 o'clock.

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A PROTESTANT HANDYMAN, some carpentering, REQUIRED for country estate; able to drive a car and keep in order; small, comfortable house in yard; married; wages 30/- a week and allowances; must be well recommended; age 30-40. Address "Z 4573, Handyman," this office. 9 A

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WANTED, experienced PRIVATE SECRETARY, take full charge of office; shorthand, typing and bookkeeping essential; high standard of education, good appearance and address; state full particulars, with copies of references.—S 814, this office. 9 A

WORKING HOUSEKEEPER, all duties, good cook, laundress and cleaner; scrupulous personal cleanliness; family of two; South Dublin suburbs; state age, religion and wages expected; good home.—S 822, this office. 9 F

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A—NEW Portable Radios for Hire; ideal for invalids; reasonable charges.—Buckley's, 24 Mary street. T

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WANTED for private hospital, Dublin, SISTER, Irish trained, with thorough knowledge of operating theatre, to act also as Assistant Matron; C.M.B. an advantage. Address "Z 4570, Sister," this office. 9 B

YOUNG QUALIFIED CHEMIST REQUIRED, Western town, to manage Pharmacy; state particulars.—S 768, this office. 8 E

REPRESENTATIVES.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE for Commercial Refrigeration REQUIRED; salary and commission basis; only experienced men need apply.—Oswald and H. Jamison, Ltd., 84 Middle Abbey street, Dublin. 9 A

EDUCATION, TUITIONS, ETC.

WANTED for a School in Eire, a RESIDENT TEACHER OF SCIENCE, to take up duty without delay. Apply to "Z 4547, Teacher," this office. 8 F

WANTED, Private Tuition in Accountancy and Foreign Exchange for Advanced Bank Exam.—S 817, this office. 9 A

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WANTED for Co. Limerick, a superior, Protestant HOUSEKEEPER, thoroughly trained and experienced, under 40 years of age; three maids kept; small family; excellent home in modernised house; highest references essential. Apply, with fullest particulars, to "Z 4501, Housekeeper," this office. 8 F

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COOK GENERAL, all duties; wages £30; South side.—S 753, this office. 8 F

EXPERIENCED COOK REQUIRED, high recommendations essential; family, 2 adults, 3 children; nurse kept; no washing; good wages. Apply Mrs. Brittain, Grove House, Foxrock. 8 A

WANTED, experienced young COOK; six servants, small family; country place; Esse cooker, electricity.—Mrs. Robert Smyth, Gaybrook, Mullingar. 7 F

WANTED, middle January, capable, experienced, good Plain COOK (R.C.); under 40; interview necessary.—Mrs. Byrne, Beauparc, Monkstown road, Monkstown. 8 E

WANTED COOK GENERAL, Clonsilla; must be well recommended. Reply, enclosing copies of references, also state wages required, "Z 4568, Cook General," this office. 9 F

GENERAL SERVANTS.

DAILY GENERAL WANTED, all duties, family two, flat, South side.—R O 425, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 9 F

STEADY, active GENERAL, about 38, WANTED, doctor's house, country town, near Dublin; family usually two; good wages. Address "Z 4555, General," this office. 9 A

WANTED, settled GENERAL, 40-50, country place, Co. Wexford, easy place (Protestant). Address "Z 4550, General," this office. 8 E

WANTED, temporary, GENERAL; references essential; two in family. Apply S 811, this office. 9 F

WANTED immediately, Terenure, smart, young GENERAL (R.C.), good cook and laundress, two adults. Reply, stating age, salary, send copies references, S 798, this office. 8 F

YOUNG GENERAL WANTED; good plain cook; modern house.—Richmond, Castle Park road, Sandycove. 8 F

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS.

HOUSE PARLOURMAID REQUIRED, January 14th. Full particulars to Mrs. Hanna, Priory, Monkstown. 9 F

WANTED, experienced HOUSE PARLOURMAID; family two; send copies, state wages.—Mrs. Osborne, Dardistown, Drogheda. 8 A

NURSES.

CAPABLE NANNIE (Protestant) REQUIRED, Belfast, for baby boy, aged eight months. Address "Z 4390, Nurse," this office. Will anyone who answered this advertisement previously, please reply again. 8 F

CAN lady thoroughly recommend capable, trustworthy NANNIE? Required for nine weeks, Co. Mayo, while permanent Nannie on holiday; complete charge boy two; mother absent owing to war; must be fully trained and experienced; do own nurseries, except fires; expenses and special salary.—Mumford-Smith, Moorgate, Stalybridge, Cheshire. 7 X

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REQUIRED, FIRST KITCHENMAID for hospital; young and with experience of cooking; also capable GIRL as WARD MAID. Address "Z 4538, Maids," this office. 8 F

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A YOUNG Waitress seeks place; good papers.—S 790, this office.

BOOKKEEPER-SECRETARY, thoroughly experienced, capable, requires position; well recommended; interested tourist hotel work. Address "Z 4551, Bookkeeper," this office. 8 E

BETWEENMAID or General Help; hotel, restaurant.—S 787, this office.

GENTLEMAN, 28, matriculated, seeks any suitable post; moderate; references. Address "Z 4543, Post," this office. 8 F

GENTLEMAN, 26, of good education, ten years' commercial experience, desires change of employment; executive post in Dublin preferred; excellent references.—Box No. 1820, Irish Times Branch Office, Cork. 8 F

GIRL, 19, R.C., desires post as Sewingmaid; three years' experience; help housework. Address "Z 4553, Girl," this office. 8 E

HOTEL Cook; excellent references.—S 782, this office.

HOUSEMAID, experienced; hotel or institution; city, suburbs; good references.—S 786, this office.

INDOOR Manservant, Cook General, small college or private house; well recommended.—S 750, this office. 8 F

LADY recommends Houseman, good cook, waiter; free end of January. Address "Z 4522, Houseman," this office. 7 E

LADY Cook or Housekeeper, daily or resident; highly recommended.—S 809, this office.

SETTLED person, Position of Trust; excellent references.—S 739, this office. 8 E

YOUNG Lady, until recently employed Coventry, would consider any offer of employment.—S 596, this office. 7 E

YOUNG Lady (19 years), secondary education, Shorthand certificates (130 w.p.m.), first class pass advanced typing, wishes to hear of vacancy in city; references.—S 816, this office. 9 F

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YOUNG Companion Help, domesticated; Protestant; near city; highest references.—S 792, this office.

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CHEMIST, unqualified, seeks post; thorough experience, excellent references; salary moderate. Address "Z 4521, Chemist," this office. 9 7

TRAINED Nurse desires post with invalid lady or gentleman; good experience, with excellent references. Address "Z 4559, Nurse," this office. 9 A

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COURT, General Clerk, nine years' experience, desires post; moderate salary.—S 770, this office. 8 E

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GERMAN—Intensive Courses by experienced native teacher; starting now.—S 655, this office.

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MOUNT ST. BENEDICT—All Agricultural Students should return not later than 14th inst. For particulars of above courses apply Very Rev. J. F. Sweetman, O.S.B., Mount St. Benedict, Gorey. 9 B

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A YOUNG Housemaid; Nursing home; good papers.—S 788, this office.

HOUSE Parlourmaid and Housemaid, together preferred; good references.—S 789, this office. 9 F

YOUNG House Parlourmaid, or go as General to small family; city or country; wages £30 to £40.—S 824, this office. 9 F

GENERAL SERVANTS.

A YOUNG General; family two; good papers.—S 791, this office.

EXPERIENCED General; city or suburbs; good references.—S 781, this office.

EXPERIENCED General; city or suburbs; good references.—S 785, this office.

GOOD Daily General; city; good cook; well recommended.—S 783, this office.

LADY wants situation for a very reliable General; long experience.—S 803, this office.

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RESPECTABLE young Girl to train General or Children's Maid; good references.—Connolly, 78 Kilpatrick, Carbury, Kildare.

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GIRL (23 years) wishes to be trained as Cook in good house or hotel, city or suburb; indoor; secondary school education: P.P. reference.—S 738, this office. 8 F

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CAPABLE Nurse requires employment, any position; moderate salary. Address "Z 4554, Nurse," this office. 9 F

NURSE or Nurse Housemaid; good references. Address "Z 4558, Nurse," this office.

FOR FURTHER SMALL ADVTS. SEE PAGE 1.

FAT CATTLE PRICES IN DUBLIN

Average price per cwt. live weight of fat cattle and fat sheep in Dublin Market yesterday:—

	Jan. 9 s. d.	Jan. 2 s. d.	Dec. 27 s. d.
FAT CATTLE			
1941-40	51 0	50 6	*
At corresponding dates in previous years:—			
1940-39	48 0	45 9	43 9
1939-38	36 0	35 9	34 6
FAT SHEEP			
1941-40	55 3	52 3	*
At corresponding dates in previous years:—			
1940-39	47 0	46 9	43 3
1939-38	34 0	35 6	30 6

*Insufficient quotations received.

DUBLIN

MOST GROUPS EASIER

EFFECT OF SMALL SELLING

On the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday public interest was still of modest dimensions and small liquidation, especially among Irish Industrials, caused an easier trend in most directions.

The Second National Loan fell 7s. 6d. to 110⅝, but 4 p.c. Land Bonds on good buying advanced a point and Galway Harbour 4 p.c. were raised sharply to 97 in a small way. British Funds turned easier and 3½ p.c. War Loan lost a fraction at 103⅛. Corporation issues were busier and prices well maintained, with the exception of Dublin 4 p.c. 1955-60, which drooped to 101.

Banks were almost idle, but mostly presented a steadie appearance in nominal markings. Guinness Ord. hardened to 69s. 9d. and Dublin Distillers "A" held 2s. 6d. Rails were mostly firmer. Great Southern Pref. fell a point to 9, but the Deb. made good headway to 50¾ and Great Northern Guar. hardened to 33⅝. Alliance Gas Ord. were on offer and closed 2s. 3d. lower at 21s. 6d. Carroll Pref., Irish Sugar Pref., Irish Tanners Ord. and Sunbeam Wolsey Ord. all eased the tu n.

The feature of British Industrials was the strength of Oils. Shell Transport Ord. jumped sharply to 46s., Mexican Eagles improved to 7s. 3d. and Canadian Eagles to 8s. Imperial Tobacco Ord. gave way to 99s. 6d. and Coats Ord. quoted 29s. 3d.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

*Odd lot. a asked. b bid. c cash. (Previous prices in parentheses.)

	Previous	Yesterday
GOVERNMENT FUNDS.		
5 p.c. Second National Loan	(111)	110⅝
4½ p.c. Third Loan (under £200)	(110)	110½
3½ p.c. Fourth Loan (under £200)	(101⅛)	101⅛
4 p.c. Conversion Loan	(105)	105
Do. Deed		104¾
Do. (under £200)	(104¾)	104⅞
3¾ p.c. Financial Agreement	(103⅞)	103⅞
4 p.c. Exchequer Bonds (under £200)	(104¾)	104¾
4½ p.c. Land Bonds	(111)	111
4 p.c. Land Bonds	(102)	103
Galway Harbour 4 p.c.	(95 21/32)	*97
3½ p.c. War Loan	(103⅜)	103⅛
3 p.c. Local Loans		89⅝
4 p.c. Consols		110⅛
CORPORATION STOCKS.		
Dublin 3½ p.c. 1955/'80	(93)	*93
Do. 4 p.c. 1960/'85	(100¾)	*100¾
Do. 4 p.c. 1955/'60	(101¼)	*101
Do. 4¼ p.c. 1955/'77	(103)	103b
BANKS.		
Bank of Ireland	(286)	280b 284a
Munster and Leinster	(96/6)	97/-a
National	(35/-)	35/-
Provincial Ord.	(33/-)	33/-b
Do. New	(33/-)	32/-b
BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.		
Guinness Ord	(69/6)	69/9
Dublin Distillers "A"	(2/6)	2/6
RAILS, TRAMS AND GAS.		
Great Southern Pref.	(10)	9
Do. Deb.	(50)	50¾
Great Northern Gtd.	(33½)	33½ ⅝
Dublin Tram Ord.	(12/-)	12/- 12/-
Alliance Gas Ord.	(23/9)	*21/6 1/6
BAKERY AND MILLING.		
Dock Milling Pref.	(20/3)	20/3
IRISH INDUSTRIALS.		
Carroll Pref.	(24/-)	23/10½
Clondalkin Paper Ord.	(5/9)	5/3
Irish American Oil Pref.	(19/-)	19/-
Irish Sugar Pref.	(24/3)	*23/1½
Irish Tanners Ord.	(7/9)	7/9
Sunbeam Wolsey Ord.	(34/-)	33/10½
BRITISH INDUSTRIALS.		
British South African Co.	(17/7½)	17/7½
Canadian Eagle Ord.	(7/9)	8/-
Coats (J. and P.) Ord.	(29/-)	29/3
Imperial Smelting Ord.		10/9
Imperial Tobacco Ord.	(100/-)	99/9 *9/6
Lever 7 p.c. Pref.		26/6
Mexican Eagle Oil	(6/9)	*7/3
Rand Leases		46/-
Shell Transport and Trading Ord.		46/-

IRISH BANKS' RATE

Irish Banks' rate (changed Oct. 26, 1939)	3 %
Loans on Government Stocks transferred	3½%
Deposits under £2,000	1 %
Deposits of £2,000 and over	1¼%

The foregoing rates are subject to variation.

WOOL

BRADFORD.—The new Order with regard to the use of cross-bred tops for civilian trade has caused some uncertainty as to its application to existing stocks. This has made spinners reluctant to enter into further commitments until the points at issue are clarified. There is a moderate demand in botany yarns, with prices unchanged and firm.

LONDON

RAILS DISPLAY STRENGTH

GOLD SHARES ALSO TO THE FORE

British Rails, with a fresh display of strength on dividend expectations, provided one of the outstanding features in generally cheerful markets on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Prices in some directions were appreciably higher. Great Westerns added a further point at 36¾, while Southern Preferreds were 2 points higher at 51, and the Deferred ⅞ up at 11⅞. Midland Scottish Ordinary picked up to 15¼, a rise of ¾, while Prior Charge issues registered improvements of ½ to 1½ points.

Cape support was mainly responsible for an all-round improvement in Mining shares. Far Western Rand issues were again to the fore. Western Reefs gained 6d. to 25s., while Western Holdings were 9d. higher at 10s. 9d. West Wits picked up ⅛ at 3⅝, while Ventersposts added the turn at 1 19/32. Oil shares displayed firmness, although finishing below the best on a little profit-taking. Rubber shares remained steady, the commodity being unaltered at 1s. 1/16d. per lb.

DUNLOPS GOOD

An irregular trend prevailed in the Industrial Market, although good spots were not lacking. Cables and Wireless issues were supported, particularly the Prefs., which added 1 point at 95¼. Prudential "B" were 2s. to the good at 68s. Dunlops were good at 33s., and British Plaster Boards picked up 1s. at 12s. 10½d. Bolsovers added 9d. at 41s. 3d., and Turner and Newall gained 1/16 at 3⅜. On the contrary, Westminster Bank shares were lowered to 73s. 6d., a loss of 6d., following the dividend and figures. Raleigh Cycles were dull at 53s., and Woolworths dropped 6d. at 53s. 9d. De La Rue were flat at 1 1/16, a decline of 1/16. Shipping shares were some pence easier. Trans-Atlantics, after a firmer start, reacted somewhat, Nickels being finally ⅛ down at 40½.

HOW PRICES MOVED

The principal price changes yesterday were:—

FUNDS, RAILS, BONDS.	
Local Loans	89¾-⅛
War Loan	103¼-⅛
Great Western	36¾+1
L.M.S.	15⅛+¾
Do. 4% Pref.	54+1½
Do. 1923 Pref.	40+1
L.N.E.R. Prefd.-Ord.	2⅞+⅛
Do. 1st Pref.	37½+1½
Do. 2nd Pref.	11¾+¾
Southern Prefd.-Ord.	51+2
Do. Def.-Ord.	11⅞+⅞
Brazil 5% Fdg., '14	33+1
Chinese 5% 1912	25+1½
San Paulo 7%	44+1
Canadian Pacific	48½-½
INDUSTRIALS.	
Bolsover Colliery	41/3+9d.
Colville	19/9+3d.
Tube Investment	4 17/32-1/32
United Steel	22/3+3d.
Albion Motors	1 1/16-1/16
Assoc. Equipment	1⅞-1/32
Austin Motor	14/4½+7½d.
Raleigh Cycle	53/-6d.
Thomas Tilling	41/9-1½d.
Distillers	66/-+3d.
Ind Coope	69/-6d.
English Sewing Cotton	27/9+1½d.
Lancashire Cotton	17/7½-1½d.
Aerated Bread	5/3+3d.
Assoc. Electrical	39/10½+1½d.
British Match	30/7½+1½d.
Burton	8/6+1½d.
Cable and Wireless 5½% Pref.	95¼+1
Do. Ord.	58½+¼
Dunlops	33/-+3d.
Imperial Chemical	30/-+1½d.
Lever Bros.	23/9-3d.
London Brick	46/3+3d.
Marks and Spencer	35/7½+1½d.
Pinchin Johnston	19/7½+1½d.
Prices Trust	16/6+1½d.
Spillers Def.	2 5/32+1/32
Tate and Lyle	46/9+3d.
Triplex	18/6-1½d.
Turner and Newall	3⅜+1/16
Furness Withy	18/4½-3d.
P. and O.	20/10½-3d.
MINES AND OILS.	
Ashanti Mines	46/6+6d.
Bibiani	17/6+7½d.
British-South Africa	18/-+3d.
Burma Corporation	7/9-3d.
Gold Coast Sel.	11/1½+4½d.
Rhodesian Anglo	14/9+3d.
Rhokana	8⅝+⅛
Roan Antelope	14/9+9d.
Union Corporation	6 9/16+1/16
Venterspost	1 19/32+1/32
Western Reef	25/-+6d.
Western Holdings	10/9+9d.
West Wits.	3⅝+⅛
Anglo-Iranian	2 1/32+1/32
Burmah	2 25/32+1/32
Mexican Eagle	7/-+1½d.
Shell Transport	2 9/32+1/32
Trinidad Leaseholds	3 1/32+1/32

FINANCIAL NOTES

BUILDING SOCIETY'S RECORDS

Three records shown in the 75th annual report of the Irish Civil Service Building Society were commented upon by the chairman (Mr. Richard Annesley Walker) at the annual general meeting in the Society's offices, 25 Westmoreland street, Dublin, yesterday.

The sum advanced on mortgage during the year, £208,137; the total due on mortgage, £839,562, and deposits at £548,491 were record figures. Total reserve had been brought up to £149,500, the profits for the year were £25,822, and the total available for dividends was £23,260. A dividend of 6 per cent. for the year, with a bonus of 5s. per share in June last and 10s. per share in December, absorbed £15,149, leaving £8,110 to be carried forward.

The Chairman mentioned that they recently had made a practice of lending more than two-thirds of their surveyor's valuation, and up to 50 per cent. of recent loans had the benefit of the new practice.

The report and statement of accounts were unanimously adopted.

Mr. A. J. Beatty and Mr. E. P. McCarron were re-elected directors, and Messrs. Craig, Gardner and Co. and Mr. D. O'Donnell, solicitor, were reappointed auditors.

The meeting decided unanimously to increase the directors' fees from £450 per half-year to £600 per half-year, and that they be paid a bonus of £300 (£50 each) in respect of the last year

Value of Securities

In many respects Stock market conditions during the past year presented a contrast with the previous year. For the year 1939, says the "Bankers' Magazine, the list of representative securities showed a depreciation in market values of over £200,000,000, while for 1940 there is a net gain of £186,000,000, or an all-round advance of just over 3 per cent. The figures are:—

16th December, 1939 ..... £6,034,163,000
17th December, 1940 ..... £6,220,386,000

The feature of the year was the continued strength of Government stocks and some other stocks in the fixed-interest group. Business in the markets during December was exceedingly quiet. The tone was firm, and the list of representative securities appreciated £38,365,000.

Dividends and E.P.T.

Addressing the annual meeting of Rubana Rubber Estates, Mr. Francis E. Maguire declared that, although this year's profit was nearly three-and-a-half times as much as that of last year, the dividend was only doubled owing to the incidence of the excess profits tax. "Even so," he added, "we have still not felt the full force of that tax, for the reason that in the accounts under review three-quarters of the excess profit is taxable at 60 per cent. and only one-quarter at the full 100 per cent. which will be levied on the profits of the current year, which are in excess of our standard."

Inability to decide on an interim dividend was attributed by Mr. F. W. Baker at the Mexican Corporation's meeting to the probable demand for E.P.T. "Negotiations so far conducted appear to indicate that the authorities will claim tax in excess of the balance at credit of profit and loss account," he added.

Alliance Gas Ordinary

One of the main features on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday was the selling of Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Ordinary stock, which brought about a fall of 2s. 3d. to 21s. 6d. The liquidation was mainly due to nervousness on the part of holders regarding the existing situation. The company is a large consumer of coal, and at present supplies are difficult to obtain owing to the many difficulties regarding transport. The company is in a strong financial position, and there is little doubt that every effort is being made to surmount present difficulties. The statutory Ordinary dividend is at the moment 7 per cent., and on this basis and at the current price the yield works out at £8 10s. 2d.

National Bank Meeting Date

The annual general meeting of the proprietors of the National Bank, Ltd., will be held at 13 Old Broad street, London, E.C.2, on Thursday, 30th January, 1941, at 12 noon. At this meeting the directors will submit their report and balance sheet for the half-year to 31st December, 1940, and three of the present directors—viz.: Captain the Hon. H. E. Fitzalan-Howard, E. H. Walpole and M. J. Babington Smith—will go out of office by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., and Messrs. Stokes Bros. and Pim, chartered accountants, the present auditors, who are eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The books of the bank for the registration of transfer deeds (both in London and Dublin) will be closed from Monday, 13th January, 1941, until after Saturday, 25th January.

Irish Sugar Company

The registers of shareholders of the 6 per cent. Cum. Pref. shares of the Irish Sugar Co. (Comhlucht Siuicre Eireann, Teo) and transfer registers relating thereto will be closed from January 18, 1941, to January 31, both days inclusive.

B.A.T.'s Bigger Leaf Stocks

The full report of the British-American Tobacco Co. for the year to September 30 last discloses total assets at £50,881,637, compared with £52,878,841 Some big changes are shown. The reserve for contingencies of £500,000, created a year ago to cover the remaining value of investments in certain countries involved in war (already written down), has been increased to £1,000,000 by a transfer from Ordinary stock premiums, the latter account now standing at £113,589. The special reserve has been increased by £47,719 to £2,000,000. Stocks of leaf, manufactured goods, and materials stand at £5,143,665, an increase of £365,362, while investments in subsidiaries have risen by £1,218,443 to £34,475,490, but holdings in associated companies are £1,200,642 down at £4,191,332. Debtors at £2,043,555 are £389,715 lower and cash has declined by £2,007,378 to £3,391,920. There is an increase of £1,819,659 in the creditors to a total of £9,672,260. Details of the year's profit and proposed allocations appeared in these notes on January 4.

Ranks (Ireland), Limited

The Preference share register of the above company will be closed from 13th January to 18th January, 1941, both dates inclusive, for the preparation of warrants for the dividend payable on the 1st February, 1941. Transfers received after 12 noon on the 11th January, 1941, will be registered "ex dividend."

Big Australian Issue

The Broken Hill Proprietary Company of Australia is to make a big new issue of capital.

This company is still thought of by many investors as a mining concern, but actually it has a very wide range of industrial interests outside its silver, lead, and zinc leases, which make it a "heavy industrial" company of first importance to Australia's war effort.

It is in connection with these widespread industrial interests that the new issue is planned, for the proceeds are to be used for shipbuilding, munitions, and other war work. The issue consists of 2,500,000 shares of £1 each, and has received the approval of the Commonwealth Government.

OTHER STOCK EXCHANGES

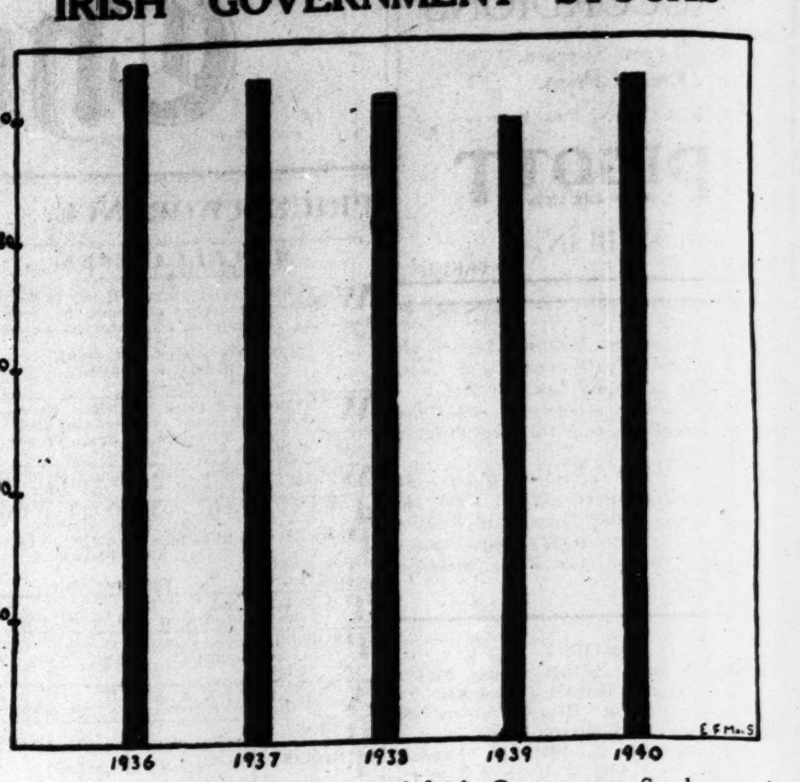
BELFAST.—3½ p.c. War Loan, 103¼, ½, 5/16, 7/16; Northern Ireland 3¾ p.c., 102¾; Northern Bank "A," 62/-; Northern Bank "B," 27/-; 3½ p.c. Conversion Loan, 103¼, 104; National Bank of Egypt, 25; L.M.S. Railway Ord., 15; Dunlops, 32/-; Shell Transports 45/-; United Steels, 21/9.

CORK.—Financial Agreement Loan, 103⅞; Conversion Loan, 105, War Loan, 103⅛; National Banks, 35/-; Great Southern Pref., 9; ditto Deb., 50¾; Dublin Tram Ord., 12/-; Gresham Hotel 33/-; Guinness Ord., 69/9.

MANCHESTER — Textiles quietly steady. Bleachers 2/9 to 3/-, Dyers, 3/9 to 4/-; "Snubbers, 3/9 to 4/3. Calicos, 3/9 to 4/-; Coats, 29/3 to 29/9; Courtaulds, 31/6 to 32/-; Dunlops, 32/6 to 33/-; Cottons, 28/- to 29/-; Velvets, 2/3 to 2/6; Spinners, 3/6; Henrys, 7/6 to 8/-; Turner and Newall, 68/- to 69/-; Wall Paper Def., 21/6 to 22/-.

BIRMINGHAM (Wednesday)—Motors remain quietly firm. Alvis and Standards in demand at 3/- and 11/7½ respectively. Fairey Aviation lower at 12/6. Austin "A," 14/3; Dennis, 16/6; Dunlop, 32/7½; Enfield, 13/-; Ford, 17/-; Guy, 1/8; Humber, 11/-; Leyland, 63/-; Lucas, 31/-; Morris, 24/9; Napier, 4/6; Raleigh, 53/6; Rolls, 76/-; Rover, 11/-; Singer, 1/6; Triplex, 18/3; Tubes Investment, 91/-; Moss Gear, 9/6.

IRISH GOVERNMENT STOCKS



This graph shows the average price of Irish Government Stocks on the Dublin Stock Exchange on December 31st in each of the years 1936-1940.

FIRM CLOSE ON WALL STREET

ABSENCE OF PRESSURE SIGNIFICANT

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

The Stock Market was generally quiet and narrow with the absence of pressure significant and indicating underlying optimism. Business prospects are outweighing prospective tax increases and price controls.

The turnover of 860,000 shares comprised 827 issues, of which 449 were higher, 156 lower and 222 were unchanged.

The opening was steady, with prices inclined to move fractionally higher. The Budget held no surprises and underlying sentiment was good. The Rails were firm with the belief that exceptional benefits are to be derived from defence spending. Railway bonds climbed sharply in active dealings. Motors were sluggish owing to a suggestion that new models will be abandoned in 1942. New steel orders are the highest for ten years. The Investment Trust negotiations for the purchase of British-owned securities was not greatly comforting to "bulls," as it is realised that it would be merely a temporary release. The market continued narrow, but well maintained, while the Rails were actively demanded.

The close was firm.

	Thurs.	Wed.
Call Money	1%	1%
London Cables	4.03½	4.03½
Montreal Cables	4.68⅞	4.68⅞

Parity.	Stocks.	Closing Bid Thurs.	Closing Bid Wed.
4 5/16	Baltimore and Ohio	4	3½
4 5/16	Canadian Pacific	4	3½
83⅝	Louisville and Nashville	67½	65¼
18 9/16	N.Y. Central	15	14¼
263 5/16	Norfolk and W. Common	212½	213
29⅝	Pennsylvania	23⅞	23
17¾	Reading	14⅛	13⅝
11 7/16	Southern Pacific	9¼	8¾
16¾	Southern Railway	13½	12⅝
104 11/16	Union Pacific	84½	80¾
	INDUSTRIALS		
203 3/16	Allied Chemical	164	164½
—	American Locomotive	—	—
—	American Metal	—	—
117⅛	American Can	94½	92¼
54 15/16	American Smelting	44⅝	43⅞
208⅝	American Tel. and Tel.	169	168
33 5/16	Anaconda Copper	27⅛	27⅛
109 11/16	Bethlehem Steel	88½	87½
	Case (J. I.)		
87⅛	Chrysler Corp.	70¼	70¼
173⅞	Eastman Kodak	140	140½
42⅝	General Electric	34⅝	34⅜
59½	General Motors	48	48
32 1/16	International Nickel	25⅞	25⅜
3 11/16	Do. Tel. and Tel.	3	2¾
44⅝	Kennecott Copper	36	36⅛
5⅞	Radio Corporation	4⅜	4⅜
14¾	Shell Union	11⅛	12
27¼	U.S. Rubber	22	22
85 13/16	U.S. Steel Common	69¼	68⅞
159 13/16	Do. Preferred	129	128⅛
41⅝	Woolworth	33⅛	33⅛
—	Silver Com. Bars	34¾	34¾
5⅞	Brazilian Traction	4¼	4⅛
11⅛	B.A. Tobacco Coupon	9	9
	BONDS.		
—	U.S. Treasury 3¼% '46-56	—	—
15⅝	7% German External Loan	12⅝	12¼

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS

Wheat steady, ¼c. up. No. 1 Northern Manitoba spot c.i.f. New York 87¼, No. 2 Manitoba spot c.i.f. New York 86¼, No. 2 hard winter spot c.i.f. New York 110¼ No. 2 red winter spot 109¼. **Maize** steady, unchanged. Western No. 2 mixed spot 80. **Oats** steady, ¼c. advance. No. 2 white (per 36lb. c.i.f. New York 52¼. **Rye** steady, ¼c. gain. No. 2 spot f.o.b. New York 67¼. **Barley** steady, unchanged. **Flour** steady, generally unchanged. **Lard** barely steady, 5 points down. Prime Western steam loose spot (cents per lb.) 6.17½. Middle West 6.00 to 6.10. **Petroleum** steady. Mid-Continent crude, 36 degrees Baume at well, per barrel 102 cents. Pennsylvania crude (barrel at well), lower price 112 cents, representing corning crude; higher price, 215 cents, representing Bradford and Alleghany. **Burlaps** steady. Hessian cloth, light-weight (cents per lb.) 6.15, heavy 8.15. **Tallow** steady. Spot extra loose 5, spot special extra 4¾, spot in tierces 5¼. **Cottonseed Oil** barely steady; spot and futures 7 to 8 points down. Contract basis bleachable prime summer yellow grade. Spot 6.50. Closing options—Jan. and March 6.52, May 6.61, July 6.82. **Shellac**—T.N. 15¼. **Turpentine** (bulk basis)—Spot 46 (barrel): Savannah, spot 35. **Tin** quiet, unchanged. **American Standard Copper** steady, 6 to 3 points down. Closing options—March 11.11-11.15, May 11.11-11.17, July and Sept. 11.14-11.18, Oct. 11.14-11.19. **Coffee** on spot closed firm, with Rio ¼c. up and Santos ⅛c. higher. Rio No. 7, 5¼; Santos No. 4, 7¼. Futures closed strong, with Rio 11 to 17 points up and Santos 25 to 23 points higher. Futures basis Rio No. 7 (cents per lb.). March 4.70, May 4.82, July 4.97. Futures basis Santos No. 4. March 7.00, May 7.12, July 7.24, Sept. 7.34, Dec. 7.43. **Cocoa**—Spot 5¼. Futures closed barely steady, 4 to 2 points down. Jan. 4.93, March 5.03, May 5.10. **Sugar** on spot closed steady and 2 points higher at 2.95. The futures market closed steady, with the old contract 1 point up and the new contract 1½ to 3 points higher. **Cotton**—Spot (15-16") closed 1 point lower at 10.61 (nominal). Futures opened irregular, with prices 4 points down to 1 point up. The close was very steady at 5 points up to unchanged. At New Orleans spot (15-16") closed unchanged, 10.28 (nominal). Futures opened 4 points lower to 1 point higher, and closed 4 points up to 4 points down. **Rubber Futures** (No. 1 contract), closing options—January 20.19, March 20.10, May 19.95, July 19.77, September 19.62. Outside prices—First latex thin crepe, spot, 20¼ buyers; smoked ribbed sheets, spot, 20 3/16 buyers, 20 3/16 sellers; ditto, February-March, 20 1/16 buyers; ditto, April-June, 19 15/16 buyers, 20 1/16 sellers.

WINNIPEG GRAINS

Wheat steady at generally ¼c. higher. May 77⅝, July 79¼. **Oats** steady, ⅛c. to ¼c. up. May 34½, July 33⅛, October 31⅞. **Rye** steady, ⅜c. higher. May 50⅜, July 50¾. **Barley** steady, ⅜c. to ¼c. advance. May 45, July 43¼. **Linseed** firm, 2½c. to 2¾c. gain. May 153¼, July 153¼.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Wheat closed very steady at ¼c. to ½c. higher. May 87¾, July 82⅝, September 83. **Maize** closed steady and unchanged to ¼c. higher. May, July and September 62¾. **Oats** closed steady, with prices generally ⅛c. up. May 37¼, July 33¼. **Rye** closed steady at ⅜c to ¼c. advance. May 48⅝, July 49¾ **Lard** finished steady. Prime Western steam loose spot (cents per lb.) 5.57½. Closing options—January 5.20, March 6.50, May 6.65, July 6.87½. **Bacon**—Fat backs 7.87½, dry salted bellies spot 11.12½, January 10.87½. **Hogs** very steady. Light-weight 7.40 to 7.70.

LONDON MONEY MARKET

The credit position was again very easy in Lombard street yesterday. The discount market kept steady. Gold remained unaltered. Silver inclined harder, the spot and forward delivery being both 1/16 up at 23 3/16d. and 23 5/16d. per oz., respectively.

Foreign Exchange rates and discounts were unaltered.

Centre	Jan. 9 Closing Rates		Jan. 8 Closing Rates		Parity before 20/9/31
New York*	4.02½	4.03½	4.02½	4.03½	4.86⅔
Montreal*	4.43	4.47	4.43	4.47	4.86⅔
Geneva*	17.30	17.40	17.30	17.40	25.22
Madrid	37.25 sellers		37.25 sellers		25.22
Stockholm*	16.85	16.95	16.85	16.95	18.15
Alexandria	97⅜	97⅝	97⅜	97⅝	97.5
Athens	515 sellers		515 sellers		375
Helsingf's.	180	210	180	210	193.2
Lisbon*	99.80	100.20	99.80	100.20	110
B. Ayres*	16.90	17.13	16.90	17.13	11.45
Lima	†		†		17.38
M'video	†		†		51 11/16
Rio de Jan.	†		†		5.89
Valparaiso	†		†		40
Calcutta	17 15/16	18 1/16	17 15/16	18 1/16	18
Hongkong	14⅞	15⅛	14⅞	15⅛	
Kobe(p.y.)	13⅞	14⅛	13⅞	14⅛	42.56d
Shanghai	3¼d.	3⅜d.	3¼d.	3⅜d.	
Singapore	28⅛	28⅜	28⅛	28⅜	28

*Bank of England official rates. †Special account.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS

MORE BRITISH BANK RESULTS

The dividends of the Westminster Bank for last year are the same as for 1939. In addition to the dividend of 9 per cent. paid in August last on the £4 shares and 6¼ per cent. on the £1 shares, similar dividends were declared yesterday, making 18 per cent. and 12½ per cent. respectively for the year, payable on February 1, less income tax. The net profits of the bank for the past year amounted to £1,310,630, compared with £1,475,745 in 1939.

The directors of Williams Deacon's Bank have declared a dividend for the half-year at the rate of 12½ per cent., less tax, on the "A" and "B" shares. This is the usual half-yearly rate. Net profit for 1940 was £292,673, against £293,865 for 1939.

Associated Properties, Limited, have decided to recommend final dividends at the rate of 6 p.c. per annum, less tax, on the Preference Shares, and at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum, less tax, on the Ordinary Shares for the half-year ended December 31st, 1940. This, together with the interim dividends paid for half year to June 30, 1940, make for the year ended December 31st, 1940, a total of 6 p.c., less tax, on the Preference and 8 p.c., less tax, on the Ordinary, the same as for 1939. Net profits are stated to be £19,015, compared with £23,492 last year, and the balance carried forward £5,688, against £2,300. The Ordinary general meeting is to be held on January 31st, 1941.

Dublin Artisans' Dwellings Co.—2½ p.c. (5/- per share), free of tax making 5 p.c. for year (same); £5,000 to depreciation; £2,500 to reserve; £9,614 forward.

Bluemel Bros.—Profits £17,107, against £7,877. Final dividend 7½ per cent. maintaining total at 10 per cent.

Davenport C. B. and Brewery.—Final of 6 per cent., making 10 per cent. (same).

Manchester Dock and Warehouse.—Interim of 2 per cent., against 2½ per cent.

Rheostatic Co.—Dividend of 10 per cent., against 16 per cent. Net profit after taxation £8,017, against £19,015.

Universal Asbestos.—Dividend of 30 per cent. for year (same).

Westminster Bank.—Net profit after all charges is £1,310,630, against £1,475,745 for 1939. Final dividend of 9 per cent. on the £4 shares will make 18 per cent. for the year (same).

EDUCATION FOR ALL

RUGBY HEADMASTER'S STATEMENT

Mr. P. H. B. Lyon, headmaster of Rugby, speaking at the Archbishop of York's Conference at Malvern last night, said that public schools should long ago have welcomed members of every class in the land. The difficulties were financial, but they would have to be overcome unless the whole system of the State was changed. The State always economised first on education. It could well spend money on giving maintenance grants to those who should go to the boarding school. Those schools could offer something of the art of community living and something of the ideals of service.

"I heard to my shame and sorrow that some who had gone out of Rugby School, and had been thrust into the whirlpool of the war, have found nothing to hold on to. We have not given them that which should be the rock of bare existence. When the test comes there is all the difference between clinging to the old school tie and having your reliance on the Rock of Christ."

Mr. Lyon said:—"It is no greater fun teaching the stupid child of the rich man than teaching the clever child of the poor man. What we are concerned to do is to offer what we have to give to those who can make best use of it, and to make what we give as good as possible."

STORE CATTLE SALES

MESSRS. GAVIN LOW, LTD.

There were larger supplies of store cattle at Messrs. Gavin Low's weekly sale at 50 Prussia street, Dublin, yesterday. Consignments were mostly of the younger type, and a good demand was experienced for all classes, and practically a complete clearance was made, with prices in sellers' favour.

MESSRS. GANLY AND SONS.

Larger numbers on offer, and all classes of cattle met with a brisk trade at improved prices, particularly forward-conditioned bullocks and heifers. B. W. Bond's Hereford cross polly bullocks made £26 17/6 to £22 7/6 (57/6 to 53/- per cwt.); Rd. Ball's A.A. bullocks made £25 5/- (54/-); J. D. Bruton's Hereford cross bullocks £26 15/- to £24 2/6 (55/- to 52/-). Many other lots of strong bullocks made from £26 to £20, and were from 55/- to 52/- per cwt. Best lots of heifers made from £22 to £17, and were from 51/- to 47/- per cwt. Other lots of bullocks and heifers made from £20 to £15, and were from 50/- to 45/- per cwt. Youngest classes made from £14 to £9. Springers made from £25 to £18.

MESSRS. CRAIGIE BROS.

At Craigie Bros.' store cattle sale yesterday supplies were heavier than last week. Forward conditioned cattle were distinctly scarce. Trade brisk for well-bred cattle of all descriptions, with a dearer tendency. The following sales took place:—John McEvoy's A.A. cross bullocks, £23 5/-; John Healy, polly bullocks, £22 5/-; Mrs. Dowling, Hereford cross heifers £22 15/-; S.H. bullocks £22 12/6; M. Curran, A.A. cross bullocks, £22; James Heatley, S.H. bullocks £21 10/-, £20 5/-, £19 7/6; John Scahill, S.H. bullocks, £21, £20 15/-; James Neill, Hereford cross bullocks, £19 5/-; John Bateman, A.A. cross bullocks, £18 15/-; etc. Young stock from £14 10/- to £8 10/-.

FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS

CATTLE.

DUBLIN (METROPOLITAN).

	Numbers on sale this week as compared with last.	Corresponding weeks of 1940.	1939.
Beasts	2,814—increase 714	3,240	2,915
Sheep	6,874—increase 1,822	5,577	5,778
Veal calves	— —	1	3

The changing from early to late opening of market no doubt caused some inconvenience, and many salesmen did not favour the idea, while others seem to think matters would settle into a normal groove after the first few weeks. It was near eight o'clock when business started with a steady demand for shipping types of bullocks, there was also some inquiry for Northern Ireland, but anything short of condition proved slower, and with larger numbers to deal with prices were inclined to sag. For choice small weights of heifers and bullocks there was a good sale. Many consignments of small heifers, however, continue to arrive in unfinished condition, and for these there appears little demand; in fact, many drafts carried over from last Thursday were still without buyers' marks at a late hour when values were—Best bullocks and heifers 52/- to 53/-, extra 54/-, secondary sorts 49/- to 50/-, others 45/- to 48/- per cwt. As compared with corresponding market last year prices show an increase of 1/6 to 2/- and 13/- to 14/- per cwt. dearer on same period 1939. In the beef cow section supplies were fair, with quality on the whole up to average. Nice young cows continue to attract early bidders at previous full values, and with more buyers for secondary sorts market closed a good selling one at—Best cows 40/- to 43/-, extra 44/- to 45/-, secondary 35/- to 38/-, aged, etc., 25/- to 31/-, and bulls more numerous at 30/- to 36/- per cwt

SHEEP.

Business here this week was of an erratic nature, and few sales were recorded up to eight o'clock. Supplies were heavy for season, and of mixed quality. Buyers attended well, but many complaints were heard as to the late opening of market. Really nice qualities of hoggets and wethers continue to show a dearer trend on scarcity, but ewes, except for real choice pens, were considered slower, and with larger numbers of the rougher element to deal with market closed with many pens unsold, including dealers' lots, which were bought too dear in the country. Prime mutton 11d. to 1/-, fancy lots around 1/1, good secondary sorts 10d. to 10½d., rougher 7½d. to 9d. per lb.

DAIRY CATTLE.

	Numbers on sale this week as compared with last.	Corresponding weeks of 1940.	1939.
Beasts	147—increase 85	304	417

Notwithstanding some increase in supplies here this week numbers offered continues small for season. In point of quality the show of cows and heifers was considered only moderate. Tip top heavy milchers were looked for, and where found readily placed up to £36 each, but secondary or doubtful animals were slower, and failed to clear at owners' ideas of values. Best cows £30 to £36, heifers £29 to £34, secondary sorts £25 to £28, others £20 to £23 per head.

PIGS.

	Numbers on sale this week as compared with last.	Corresponding weeks of 1940.	1939.
Pigs	1,168—increase 318	1,000	1,309

There was a further substantial increase in supplies here this week, but this did not detract from trade. In fact, there was a sharp demand from opening for all bacon and pork pigs with values firmer all round. Sows more numerous, but well placed, while slips and bonhams, especially those in forward condition found early buyers, and market closed a good selling one at—Prime light to medium weight hogs 96/- to 98/- and 100/-, heavier 86/- to 90/-, sows 66/- to 70/- per cwt., slips and bonhams 25/- to 50/- each.

BRISTOL.—Trading still paralysed by the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order, and normal market not held.

YORK.—About 650 Irish beasts forward had slow trade. Three-year-old polled bullocks, £31; two-and-a-half-year-old to £26; two-year-old, £23; black polled heifers, £18; two-year-old horned bullocks, £17. Small show of sheep; turniping lambs to 48/-, masham lambs 38/-.

PIGS. Fed on "EMERALD" PIG MEAL fatten rapidly and grade well. Post-card brings sample and name of Merchant. PAUL & VINCENT, LTD., DUBLIN.

GRAIN.

THE BALTIC.—WHEAT dull. The following are f.o.b. quotations:—No. 1 Northern Manitoba, St. John/Halifax, second half of March 33/4¼, first half of April 33/6, second half of April 33/7½; ditto, Vancouver, first half of January 26/10½, No. 2 ditto 26/1¼; No. 1 Canadian Western Garnet, first half of January 24/4½, No. 2 ditto 24/-; No. 1 Northern Manitoba, Baltimore, first half of February 32/7½, second half of February 32/9, first half of March 33/-, No. 2 ditto, first half of February 31/10½, second half of February 32/-, first half of March 32/3; Australian, bulk, January-February 25/-, new crop ditto 27/-; Rosafe, 63½lb., new crop, January-February 20/3 per 480lb. MAIZE quiet. Plate, January, 12/1¼; No. 2 white flat African, bulk, January-February, 17/-; No. 3, also No. 5, ditto 16/9; No. 6 yellow round ditto 17/3 per 480lb. BARLEY dull. Plate, 64-65 kilos, January-February, 9/- per 400lb.

LIVERPOOL CORN.—The demand for cereals was satisfied by the Port Area Grain Committee at fixed prices, carriage and haulage being debited by firms distributing. English wheat on spot in fair supply and moderate request, 14/6 per cwt. on farm. MAIZE firm, with a good demand at £10 per ton, but sparingly offered. FLOUR moved fairly at 25/6 per sack for straight run delivered, and 25/9 to 26/- for imported (including bags). OATS again scarce, with a good inquiry at 14/6 per cwt. for milling and feeding. PEAS in small compass at 20/1½ per cwt. for imported maples and 10/- Russian feeding. Wheat feeds firm at 8/7½ per cwt. for bran and thirds, with supplies insufficient for requirements.

PROVISIONS.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Small supplies met a good demand at: York cabbage, large 35/- to 61/-, small 16/- to 25/-, Savoy, large 40/- to 60/-, small 20/- to 34/- load; swedes 1/6 to 2/6, mangolds 1/6 per cwt., red cabbage 2/-, cauliflowers 2/- to 3/6, seconds 9d. to 1/6 doz; beet 2/6, carrots 1/6 to 2/6 doz. bundles, parsley 6d. to 9d. chip, 2/6 bag; parsnips 6/6 to 7/6, turnips 6d. to 10d., and thyme 2d. bunch.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Supplies continue small and demand steady at: Dates, Champions and Pinks 6/6, other whites 5/6 to 6/- per cwt.

DUBLIN FISH.—Supplies totalled 91 boxes from one trawler, 5 lots lobsters, 126 boxes herrings and a large amount from country and local senders. Demand steady at: Losters 15/- to 22/6 per 13, soles, black 1/- to 2/8; turbot 1/- to 1/8, brill 1/- to 1/7 per lb., plaice 60/- to 149/-, dabs 25/- to 52/-, cod 65/- to 136/-, codling 35/- to 87/-, herrings 25/- to 35/-, whiting 12/6 to 100/-, monkfish 70/-, haddock 54/- to 90/-, gurnard, red 33/-; white soles 82/- to 137/-, pollock 33/- to 64/-, and ray 28/- to 56/- box.

GRIMSBY FISH.—Large lemon soles 23/6, medium 26/-; medium plaice 31/-, large 19/-, best 22/-; jumbo haddocks 18/-, medium 18/-, small 16/-, sprags 14/- to 18/-, haddocks (heads on); large halibut 28/-, medium 27/-, whiting 18/-, dogfish 17/-, roker 17/-, smoked haddocks 23/- to 27/, smoked fillets 25/- to 27/-, smoked codling 18/-, and kippers 9/- per stone.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—COCOA—Accra G/F spot in bond quoted 35/-. Ceylon plantation 60/- to 75/-. Trinidad first marks 70/- to 75/-. St. Thome 50/-, Venezuela unclayed 85/- to 110/-. Puerto Capello fine 110/- to 120/- per cwt. RICE easier. Siam one-star January-February quoted 12/6, super 12/- per cwt. f.o.b. SPICE—Pepper barely steady. Black Lampong spot in bond sellers 5¼d., white Muntok ditto 8¼d., white Java quoted 8¼d. CLOVES—Zanzibar spot sellers 11¼d., Madagascar ditto 11d., Pimento spot 1/5¼ per lb. January-February 125/- per cwt. c.i.f. GINGER—African spot 90/-. Cochin unbleached ditto 75/-. Jamaican 100/- to 120/-. SAGO—Sarawak small pearl January-February 29/- TAPIOCA—Singapore flake London standard January-February 34/- per cwt. c.i.f. JUTE—Dundee daisee 126/10 per ton c.i.f. HEMP—Manila K grade £22, G £28 10/- per ton c.i.f. SISAL—African No. 1 £26, No. 2 £25, No. 3 £24 per ton c.i.f. SHELLAC—Fair T.N. spot 87/6, for shipment 77/9 c.i.f.; A/C Garnet spot 100/-, pure cutton ditto 115/- fine orange 110/- to 170/- per cwt. RUBBER slightly easier. Sheet spot sold 1/0¼, January buyers 1/0 7/16. February also March sold 1/0¼. April-June 1/0 7/16, July-September 1/0¼ to 1/0½. Fine hard Para spot sellers 1/1 per lb.

OILS—The following are selling prices for material allocated to the primary wholesalers and large trade consumers:—Linseed: raw £41 10/-. Rape: crude £44 5/-. Cottonseed: crude £31 2/6 washed £34 5/-, refined £35 12/6, deodorised £36 10/-. Soya bean: crude £33, refined £37 Groundnuts: crude £35 10/-, refined deodorised £40, hardened £44. Coconut: crude £22 2/6, refined deodorised £31 7/6, refined hardened £35 17/6. Palm kernel: crude £27 10/-, refined deodorised £30 15/-. hardened £33 5/-. Castor: firsts £57, seconds £55, whale crude £30 10/- to £31 10/-, refined hardened £33 to £33 10/-. No. 3 £26 10/- per ton net naked ex mill or works. Palm oil: c.i.f. in bulk £17 5/-, loan drums £19 5/-, returnable casks £18 15/-. Rosin ranged from 25/- to 30/- per cwt. OILSEEDS—The following are approximate shippers' indications on the basis of the Government freight and insurance:—Linseed: Calcutta January £18 1/3, Bombay ditto £19 2/6, Plate new crop January-February £11 10/-. Rapeseed: Toria January-February £15 10/-. Groundnuts: Coromandel January-February £17 5/-. Cottonseed: Egyptian black January £8 2/6 per ton

LIVERPOOL.—COCOA—West African slow. COFFEE remained quietly steady. RICE idle. RUBBER—Para steady slow. Hard fine spot quoted 1/1 to 1/2, forward 11¾d. to 1/-, soft fine forward 1/0¼ to 1/1. RESIN quiet unchanged. TURPENTINE slow. PETROLEUM steady. LARD—Boxes 69/-.

COMPANY NOTICES.

COMHLUCHT SIUICRE EIREANN, TEORANTA.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Registers of Shareholders of the 6% Cumulative Preference Shares of the Company and Transfer Registers relating thereto will be closed as and from the 18th day of January, 1941, to the 31st day of January, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.
TIMOTHY O'HANRAHAN, Secretary.
7th January, 1941
7 Clare Street, Dublin.

RANKS (Ireland), LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PREFERENCE SHARE REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th January to 18th January, 1941, both dates inclusive, for the Preparation of Warrants for the Dividend payable on the 1st February, 1941. Transfers received after 12 noon on the 11th January, 1941, will be registered "ex dividend."

By Order of the Board.
R. W. HEWSON, Secretary.
104 Henry street, Limerick.
10th January, 1941.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

DR. BARTON'S LETTER TO THE CLERGY

EDUCATION, MISSIONS AND POOR PARISHES

THE Archbishop of Dublin (Most Rev. Dr. Barton) has addressed the following letter to the clergy of the United Dioceses of Dublin, Glendalough and Kildare:

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—The following are the dates fixed for special Sermons and Collections, Synods and Confirmations, in 1941:—

February 9th (Septuagesima) — Poor Parishes Fund and other diocesan needs.

March 2nd (1st Sunlay in Lent)—Temperance.

March 30th (5th Sunday in Lent)—Education.

June 22nd (2nd Sunday after Trinity)—Hospital Sunday.

October 21st and 22nd—Diocesan Synods.

If the date fixed is not a possible one in your particular case, please fix an alternative Sunday, and note whatever date you choose at once in your engagement book.

I think that there is an idea in the minds of some of the clergy that these dates are arranged merely for the purpose of securing money for the various purposes referred to. Although it is necessary to secure financial help in order to carry out these good and charitable works, I feel that in most cases the securing of "a good collection" is not the most important result to be aimed at. Our congregations need education with regard to the work which our Church is attempting through the various activities which they are asked to support.

I am sure that we all use the opportunity afforded by Temperance Sunday for emphasising the Christian virtues of self-discipline and self-control. The work of the Temperance Society includes every branch of the moral welfare of our people.

Education Sunday affords an opportunity for laying special emphasis upon one of the most fundamental needs of the present day—religious education. If world society is to be re-built upon a sure and lasting foundation a tremendous task lies before the Christian Church: that of securing that the basis of all life—personal, social, economic and international—be a knowledge of the eternal verities of our faith. It is for us, the clergy of the Church, not only to teach these verities in season and out of season, but to secure the enthusiastic co-operation of all Church members upon whom educational responsibilities lie, and to whom special opportunities are given. Parents and teacher must not only be urged to realise the importance of this work of teaching Christian truth, but must be helped, when necessary and possible, to adopt sound methods of teaching.

This year I am omitting the usual "Yellow Paper" which gave details as regards the needs of "Poor Parishes Fund" and other diocesan needs. I have done so merely because it has been suggessted to me that no one reads them afresh every year. Certainly the results of the annual appeal have been disappointing. The needs are great, and our congregations ought to be informed about them. Very many poor parishes are finding it increasingly difficult to pay their way. The burden, both on clergy and people, is great.

In the very earliest Christian times the duty of Christian congregations towards their poorer brethren was emphasised. I am convinced that, if the needs of these struggling congregations were carefully and sympathetically explained to our people, the response would be far greater than it is. But in this case also the education of people's sympathy is of greater importance than the size of the collection.

Last year I brought to your notice the urgent needs of the Trinity College Mission in Belfast, and of the Southern Ballymacarrett Mission. I am grateful to you for the response which so many of you made to this appeal. The amount given by this diocese to both missions was decidedly increased. I express the hope that a further advance will be made this year, and that opportunities will be given to those able and willing to do so to tell your congregations of the work and needs of these missions. I am convinced that it is of great importance that the members of our smaller country congregations should be told about the work which their own Church is doing among the masses of working-class folk in the North. The interchange of sympathy based on knowledge may do much to make the unity of the Church of Ireland a spiritual reality. It does not matter if the amount given be only a few shillings, a token payment, so long as it be a token of sympathy and co-operation.

I commend the enclosed document to your thoughtful consideration. It has been drawn up after considerable thought and discussion by a group of Churchmen, who feel that spiritual advance may be accomplished on some such lines as they had tried to indicate.

CONFIRMATIONS.

I make the following suggestions:—

(1) Candidates should not be less than 14 years of age.

(2) The candidates should be instructed:

(a) To come to church in good time.

(b) To bring their Prayer Books and Hymn Books with them.

(c) How to spend their time while waiting in the pews before the Service.

(d) To answer the Responses audibly, and to join in the singing of the hymns, which shall have been practised beforehand.

(e) To kneel in an upright position while being confirmed.

(f) To kneel in prayer while their companions are being confirmed.

(3) A list of the names of the candidates, written distinctly, or typewritten, must be given to my chaplain before the Service (with the Confirmation cards). Cards and schedules may be obtained at the A.P.C.K.

(4) The Rector of the Church where the Confirmation is to be held should send a list of hymns to the clergy who are bringing candidates, so that they may be practised.

(5) Seats should be reserved for parents and God-parents near the candidates.

(6) In the period during which Confirmation classes are being held in a parish the clergy should, from the pulpit, strive to interest the congregation in the work of preparation, both instructing them as to the meaning of Confirmation and the purpose of preparation classes, and also claiming their co-operation in prayer.

(7) Some clergy have found that a "Vigil Service" held in church on the night before the Confirmation is of great value. To this Service parents and confirmees are invited, to join in prayerful preparation for the morrow.

I am,
Yours in Christ Jesus,
ARTHUR DUBLIN.

PROPOSED CONFIRMATIONS

The Archbishop proposes to hold Confirmations at the following centres in 1941:—

March 2nd (Sunday), 7 p.m., in St. Mary's Church, Donnybrook.

March 4th (Tuesday), 8.15 p.m., in St. Paul's Church.

March 7th (Friday), 11.30 a.m., in Christ Church Cathedral.

March 11th (Tuesday), 8.15 p.m., in Harold's Cross Church.

March 13th (Thursday), 3.30 p.m., in Christ Church, Kingstown.

March 14th (Friday), 11.30 a.m., in St. Paul's Church, Bray.

March 16th (Sunday), 11.45 a.m., at Celbridge.

March 19th (Wednesday), 8.15 p.m., in St. George's Church.

March 27th (Thursday), 3.30 p.m., in Drumcondra Church.

March 29th (Saturday), 11.30 a.m., in St. Columba's College.

April 3rd (Thursday), 3.30 p.m., in St. Ann's Church.

April 28th (Monday), 3.30 p.m., in St. Matthias's Church.

May 6th (Tuesday), 3.30 p.m., in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

May 9th (Friday), 12.30 p.m., at Arklow.

May 20th (Tuesday), 3.30 p.m., in St. Brigid's Cathedral.

May 21st (Wednesday), 3.30 p.m., at Newcastle (Wicklow).

June 8th (Sunday), 7 p.m., in the King's Hospital.

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THE CHURCH'S OPPORTUNITY

A WAY OF RESPONSE

The following is the text of the "enclosed document" to which the Archbishop refers in his letter above:—

"There are two ways by which truth is propagated: preaching to the multitude, and teaching the few. Christ used both methods; but it is significant that at a certain point in His ministry He seems to have withdrawn from the multitude and concentrated on the Twelve.

"Evangelism, the effort to reach the careless and unconverted by preaching the Word, will always be an integral part of the Church's work. But it may be that God is calling His Church to-day to concentrate in particular upon teaching the few. Recent history has disclosed that political and social ideas can be propagated successfully through small cells of people who are prepared to sacrifice thought and time on their pursuit. God reveals Himself in history. The existence of these cells and the evidence of their power to affect the communal mind may constitute a call from God to His Church to do likewise.

"In every parish, however, small, there are some people who are distinguished for their love and loyalty, and others who could become so. These are the material of which cells are made. If the Church is to seize the opportunity which the 'times' provide, it must cultivate more assiduously the capacity for devotion that its people possess. This can be done best by a small group meeting regularly for training in and for the practice of the art of Prayer. They should be prepared to explore regions of Prayer little known to them. In addition to this cell or cells, there is need of study groups. In many public utterances since the war began, the Church has been warned to make ready now by thought and study for the stupendous problem which must arise in a world exhausted and lacerated by war. Many pamphlets and books are being issued to arrest the attention and stimulate the interest of thoughtful people. By the formation of a small group of men and women who undertake to meet regularly for the discussion of questions raised in these publications, a study cell can be created

"To this brief outline of a way by which the Church can respond to the present opportunity, two addenda must be put:—

"(1) Quality is to be preferred to quantity. The value of a cell depends upon the character of its members and not on their numbers; and

"(2) No limit can be set to the influence of a cell, however small, when animated and directed by the Holy Spirit."

WORK OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

The following letter, dated December, 1940, has been addressed to the congregations of Dublin churches:—

"We, the undersigned—viz., the Archbishop of Dublin, the Moderator of the Presbytery, and the President of the Council of the Methodist Church in Eire—have agreed to ask that the following statement be read in our respective churches in Dublin:—

"Many of you are rightly giving your services to various branches of work which are being organised for the defence of this country in a possible time of danger. We are especially referring to the Local Security Force and the Air Raid Precautions organisations. Membership of such bodies entails training and part of such training involves parades.

"A serious difficulty has arisen for many of you from the fact that such parades are often held on Sundays at the hour at which you are accustomed to attend Divine Service. The attention of the Minister for Justice has been called to the difficult position in which you are placed. While sympathising with our problem, he has pointed out that a general order to avoid such parades on Sunday mornings would place serious restrictions upon the organisation of the bodies referred to.

"It is a time of crisis and national emergency, and we feel that as far as conscience will permit, we must in every possible way serve the needs of our country. There are certain points, however, on which we wish to lay stress: (1) The observance of Sunday as a day of rest and worship is fundamental in our tradition. Its importance to Church and, we believe, to State can hardly be overemphasised. (2) While special emergencies call at times for relaxation of rules, we fear lest habits formed in time of stress may lead to laxity in the future.

"Therefore, we suggest that, in all cases where drills or parades are held during the customary hours of your worship, you should make representations to the local organisational leaders, pointing out the difficulty, and asking, if possible, to have an hour arranged that will not prevent any member from attending the worship of his church. We believe that such representations will invariably be met in a spirit of good-will and understanding.

"But when this is not possible we plead with you whose ordinary hours of worship on Sunday must be foregone that you will make it a rule to attend Divine Service at some other hour, or hours, so that the spiritual side of your lives may not suffer. If in any locality there are not Services at such hours as are possible for you, we shall endeavour to have such arranged, provided that we are informed of the fact.

"Our great anxiety is to prevent the growth of habits which will divorce Sunday from the worship of God. We are convinced that the neglect of worship seriously endangers the spiritual life of the individual and the moral vitality of the nation.

"We pray that God may give us all guidance and strength to face the difficulties of these days of anxiety.

"Yours, in the Name of Christ,
"ARTHUR DUBLIN.
"ROBERT CROSSETT, Moderator, Presbytery of Dublin.
"HUGH M. WATSON, President, Methodist Church."

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, HARCOURT STREET, DUBLIN.

The Committee of Management of the National Children's Hospital held their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 9th, 1941, the Right Hon. Viscount Powerscourt K.P. presiding.

Also present:—Dr. Trevor N. Smith, Dr. Myles Keogh, Dr. R. E. Steen, H. D. Pack-Beresford, Esq.; S. H. Guilford, Esq.; Professor T. G. Moorhead.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed, and those of the House and Finance Committee approved. The usual routine business was transacted, and cheques were drawn in favour of the December accounts.

The Committee return sincere thanks for the following contributions:—Messrs. Whyte and Sons, Ltd., 10/-; the Dublin Port and Docks Board, £2; Messrs. Arnott and Co., Ltd., £1; Mr. P. Macken, £2 2/-; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Scott, £1 1/-; Miss L. Hornidge (Alison Cot—"In loving memory, per L.H."), £: 1/-: Subscriptions, 1939/'40, £2 2/-; Donation to General Funds, £22 7/-; Messrs. Millar and Beatty, £2 2/-; Mrs. Lewis Bewley, £2 2/-; Messrs. Pim Bros., Ltd., £1 1/-; Messrs. the Inchicore Mfg. Co., Ltd., £1 1/-; Messrs. J. and C. McGloughlin, 10/6; W. H. Baskin, Esq., £1 1/-; Mrs. E. H. White, 5/-; Torlogh O'Brien, Esq., £1 1/-; Messrs. the Educational Co. of Ireland, Ltd., 10/6; Messrs. Hely, Ltd., £1 1/-; Messrs. John Douglas and Sons, Ltd., £1 1/-; Mrs. Z. Hall, £1 1/-; Messrs. Green and Co., £1 1/-; Messrs. Walter Brown and Co., £1 1/-; Messrs. Bolleau and Boyd, Ltd., £1 1/-; Miss H. Jacob, £1 1/-.

The Matron gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:—Toys and Books—Captain Lee, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Harty, Mrs. Innis E. Gibson, Mrs. Murray (*Woman's Life*), W. A. Colvill Jones, Esq.; Mrs. C. G. Cullinan, the Royal Irish Automobile Club, Mrs. H. L. Jacob. Clothing—Mrs. Harty, Mrs. Good, Mrs. Mather. Cakes, Biscuits, Sweets—Master Denis Neary, Messrs. Leverett and Frye, Messrs. Johnston Mooney and O'Brien, Mr. J. Swan, Miss N. Brown, Messrs. W. and H. Jacob and Co., Ltd. Fruit—Mrs. E. Kenny, the Rev. Mother St. Clare's Convent. Holly and Ivy—The Rev. Canon Hipwell. Money—Messrs. McDonnell and Dixon, £2; Mrs. Hetherington, £2 2/-.

During the month of December there were 2,043 out-patients, including X-ray examinations, sun lamp treatment, and minor operations.

A limited number of paying beds is now available at a fee of three guineas per week.

The Hospital is non-political and non-sectarian.

A young soldier, Private James Mellon, was killed near Gretna Green, on the main Glasgow—Carlisle road, when proceeding north in a motor car. He was involved in a collision with a motor lorry, and the car was wrecked. Mellon belonged to Belton.

LATE MARQUESS OF SLIGO

FUNERAL SERVICE TO-DAY

The remains of the Marquess of Sligo, who died in Dublin on Tuesday last, were conveyed yesterday to Westport by road in the motor ambulance which he had purchased and equipped for Red Cross work in case of emergency. Outside the town the ambulance was met by a large number of towns-people and a guard of honour of "B" Group of the L.S.F., of which the Marquess was a section leader. A section of the "A" Group of the Local Defence Force, carrying arms, also attended and marched with the cortège as it proceeded to the church.

The bells of both Protestant and Catholic churches were tolled during the funeral procession through the town.

The Rev. J. G. Robinson, M.A., Rector of Westport, received the remains at the church, where they will lie until noon to-day, when a special Service will be held, after which the interment will take place in private.

The Hon. John Brabourn, nephew of the late Marquess, walked behind the motor ambulance with a number of employés on the estate in the last stages of the procession through the town.

Ulick de Burgh was the seventh Marquess of Sligo, having succeeded his father, the sixth Marquess, in February, 1935. He also held the titles of Earl of Altamount (1771), Earl of Clanricarde (1800), Viscount Westport (1768), Baron Mount Eagle (1760) (Ireland), Baron Monteagle of Westport, Co. Mayo (United Kingdom, 1806). He was forty-two years of age, and had been Captain and Adjutant of the Second Dragoons, later transferring to the Royal Scots Greys. He served in the European War, 1914-1919, winning distinctions, including the Military Cross. Owing to ill-health he resigned his commission

He resided at the family seat, Westport House, Westport, County Mayo, and was one of the largest employers of labour in the Western Province. He took a keen interest in horse-breeding, both hunters and farm horses, and also kept some racing horses.

He was much interested in the L.D.F., L.S.F. and the Red Cross Society, and helped these services financially and otherwise.

GARDAI AND THE L.S.F.

PRAISE FROM MINISTER FOR JUSTICE

The Minister for Justice, Mr. Gerald Boland, has addressed the following to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Garda Siochana:—

"The transfer of the 'A' Group of the Local Security Force to Army control affords me an opportunity of conveying to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Garda Siochana my thanks for, and appreciation of, the work they have performed in connection with the organisation and training of the Local Security Force.

"The year which has drawn to a close has been a period of exceptional stress and strain for the members of the Garda Siochana. Apart from their ordinary police duties, the period of emergency through which the State, in common with all others, is passing imposed many additional duties upon them. But despite their already heavy tasks they responded in June last to the call, and brought to the work of organising and training the Local Security Force that enthusiasm and willingness which has been characteristic of the work of the Garda since it was first established.

"The work they have performed in organising upwards of 80,000 men for military service and 50,000 for police duties, in a period of six months, is unparalleled in the history of this country, and the military officers, who will now have to complete the training of the Local Defence Force, will find their task considerably lightened as a result of the discipline and training which have been imparted to all ranks of the Local Security Force by the work of the Garda."

OBITUARY

THE REV. JOHN O. PARK, D.D.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. John Oliver Park, B.A., D.D., which occurred yesterday morning in a Dublin hospital.

Dr. Park, who was in the ninety-sixth year of his age, had long been recognised as one of the outstanding ministers of the Methodist Church in Ireland. Born at Castleblayney, County Monaghan, he received his theological training at the well-known Didsbury College, Manchester, and in the year 1868 began his Ministerial career as junior minister of the Dublin, Abbey street, Circuit. During his long ministry he served in every part of Ireland, including such circuits as St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, Sandymount, Clontarf; University road, Belfast, Cork, Bandon, Waterford, Wexford and Sligo. His outstanding abilities quickly won for him a high place in the councils of the Church. He was appointed secretary, and then chairman, of important district Synods. He was secretary of the Conference for some years, and was twice elected to the important position of President of the Methodist Church in Ireland. For thirty-two years, in conjunction with the late Mr. Richard W. Booth, J.P., he had charge of the interests of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund of the Church, and during his years of service he had the joy of seeing the allowances to the retired ministers of the Church, and to its ministers' widows, increased by sixty per cent.

As a preacher, Dr. Park occupied almost a unique place. He was an original thinker, and his sermons were closely reasoned, firmly based on Scripture and delivered with passionate earnestness. In personal character Dr. Park has always been known as a man of inflexible righteousness and conspicuous convictions, joined with delightful Christian chivalry. Although he retired from the full work of the ministry in 1917, he continued to serve the Church in many capacities, and as recently as on the first Sunday of December last he preached with great power in the Centenary Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Dr. Park was twice married. By his first wife he had three sons and five daughters. One of his daughters, Miss Helen Park, B.A., is a missionary in Ceylon. His son, Mr. Robin Park, occupies an important position in the insurance life of Eire.

MRS. MAURICE WALSH

We regret to announce the death, which occurred at her residence at Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, of Mrs. Maurice Walsh, wife of Maurice Walsh, the well-known Irish novelist. Mrs. Walsh, who had been in poor health for some time, was a Scotswoman and a lady of much charm. Her death will be mourned by a large circle of friends, and there will be widespread sympathy with her distinguished husband and his family.

THE REV. ROBERT M'ELNEY

The death occurred on Wednesday evening last in Down County Infirmary of the Rev. Robert M'Elney, M.A., senior minister of Downpatrick Presbyterian Church.

A native of Randalstown district, Mr. M'Elney was educated at the Royal University, at Queen's College, Belfast, and at the Assembly's College. His first charge was Second Saintfield, and he was installed at Downpatrick in August, 1899. In December, 1936, he retired. Both the Downpatrick congregation and the Presbytery of Down honoured his ministerial jubilee in December, 1939. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

MR. BERNARD ROCHE

Mr. Bernard Roche, Albion House, Tramore, County Waterford, who died yesterday, was Chief Divisional Superintendent of the newly amalgamated insurance concern, the Irish Assurance Company. He was formerly superintendent in the Prudential Assurance Company at Athlone, Drogheda and Waterford. Mr. Roche was the son of the late Thomas Roche, Kilcop, County Waterford. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Of Interest to Women

MATITA IN FAWN:—This matita tweed suit is in multi-colour stripes on a fawn ground, with a tailored jersey blouse in grape. The hat is by Aage Thaarup.

FASHION SALES

THE seeker after fashion, who goes forth to buy at sales time must possess the qualities of shrewdness and thrift, combined with an artistic sense. Possessed of these qualities, the sales-goer will find that successful buying greets her efforts; without them, she might as well stay at home, as far as the purchasing of fashionable clothes is concerned. The sales produce the most extraordinary collection of offers as far as clothing is concerned. Things that were fashionable two or three years ago, and will be fashionable again, make their appearance alongside of things which once enjoyed a transient popularity which, one hopes, will never return. Price is no guide; it takes a real expert to purchase wisely at these times.

The less ambitious clothes-shopper will ont encounter the same difficulties; for she will confine her attentions to articles well established in popular favour, the demand for which is not likely to change to any great extent as time goes on.

JUMPERS AND CARDIGANS

For years the fashion has favoured woollen jumpers and cardigans, garments which are always readily procurable in styles to suit every taste at sales time. For some peculiar reason bright colours are apt to be eschewed by the majority, but I think that this is a mistake. At all times, though they may not realise it, tastefully chosen bright colours suit the majority of women: at the present time their psychological influence, both on the wearer and her beholders, are more important than ever before. Who of us has not at one time or another been cheered by the sight of a woman brightly and tastefully dressed, whose colours make her stand out from her fellows like a bird of paradise among the birds of more sober plumade?

Twin sets, consisting of jumper and cardigan to match seem to be as popular as ever this year, and I have seen many wonderful bargains on offer. Those who are in a position to do so should buy an extra set during the sales and put it away until next winter. Of all woollen garments, I think nicer than those of Angora or brushed wool. They are warm and comfortable to wear, and —crowning merit—clean like new time and time again.

BLOUSES

The spring is not far off, and after that the summer, and in these two seasons one's thoughts tend to turn towards blouses. I have yet to hear of anybody who had too many blouses, but not many people seem to realise that now is the time to buy them if the purse is a factor to be considered. The ever-popular Viyella blouses change little in style from year to year, but the price next year . . . who knows? A couple bought now will be a wise investment.

The most attractive novelty in blouses that I have seen this year is a smart creation in suede crêpe with a scolloped collar and short sleeves. The blouse could not fail to look smart when worn under a flannel suit in spring or summer, and at its greatly reduced price of 15/-, at which I saw it offered, constitutes my bargain of the week.

PHOEBE.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE

FISH PATTIES

4 ozs. flaky pastry; little boiled rice or mashed potato; cupful flaked fish; seasoning, curry powder and milk to moisten.

Mix together the flaked fish, rice, or potato and seasoning, and add half a teaspoonful of curry powder (or more or less, according to taste). Mix well, moistening with a little milk if too dry. Roll out the pastry until thin, and cut into rounds about the size of a large saucer. Heap the mixture on one side. Wet the edges of the pastry, and press down to make a pasty. Brush over with a little milk, and bake in a fairly hot oven until the pastry is nicely golden. (About 15 minutes.)

NEXT WEEK: ROLY POLY.

NATIONAL SCHEME OF EXCAVATION

Professor Ethna Byrne, of University College, Cork, in a paper read before the Academy of Christian Art last night emphasised the importance of a satisfactory national scheme for excavation to reveal the artistic and historic treasures of the past. The lecture was illustrated by specially supplied original photographs, shown for the first time in Dublin.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Count Eduardo Tomacelli, and Mr. L. S. Gogan, vice-president, seconded. Count Plunkett also spoke. The Rev. Myles Ronan, M.R.I.A., presided.

KEEP WARM

If you suffer from poor circulation you feel miserable in cold weather. One way to correct this is to keep the blood stream clean and fresh by correcting faulty elimination and ridding the system of toxins. Take a glass of Eno's Fruit Salt first thing every morning. Feeling fit, you soon will notice that the snap in the air is not so bad and after a week you'll enjoy it. Remember, Eno's first thing every morning. —(Advt.)

I SAW LAST WEEK

Heavy washing Jaspe bedspreads, in numerous shades, for 6s. 11d. each, in a Henry street shop—full double bed size.

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A Celanese satin blouse in ivory, with a neatly-trimmed square neckline and short puffed sleeves, for 8s. 6d., in a George's street shop—be sure to visit this shop during the sale.

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A very attractive Carlton ware toast rack for 2s., in a Dawson street shop—Carlton ware always looks well.

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Ladies' wool-lined suede gloves, with leather palms, in navy-blue or brown, for 11s. 6d. per pair, in a shop near O'Connell Bridge—warm and comfortable.

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Dark brown suede ankle over-boots to take medium heels, for 55s., in an O'Connell street shop—most useful.

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A handsome, flame-coloured evening gown, with a coatee to match, for 1½ guineas, in a Grafton street shop—a real sale bargain.

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A very useful tobacco jar in pale green Wedgwood, at a very reasonable price, in a George's street shop—most attractive.

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A circular suede handbag, with a zip opening and a handle, for 14s. 11d. in a Grafton street shop—quite a novelty.

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A lovely down quilt, covered with good quality crêpe, in various shades, for 35s. 6d., single bed size, in a Henry street shop—be sure not to miss the sale in this shop.

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A lustre ware print or flower bowl, in shades of green and gold, for 19s. 6d. in a Dawson street shop—very unusual.

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A gilt flap-jack, with an enamelled floral design, for 8s. 6d. in a George's street shop—very pretty.

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A "cottage" tea cosy in felt, with attractive designs, for 10s. 6d. in a Grafton street shop—it is particularly well padded.

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AND I FOUND that wine stains can be removed from **LINEN** if the stained portion is held in **BOILING MILK** for some minutes.

SPY ANN.

SOMETHING SWEET

A few well-chosen sweets and trifles add a decorative touch to the buffet at your party. A fresh fruit salad is a general favourite, and to economise on cream equal quantities of cream and unsweetened evaporated milk may be served. Place the tin of milk in a basin of boiling water for ten to fifteen minutes, allow to cool, then whisk until the milk thickens. Whip the cream till stiff, then add the beaten condensed milk.

Individual fruit jellies, topped with whipped cream, angelica and crystallised cherries are colourful and appetising.

A good trifle is always popular and well worth the cost. Line a glass dish with halved sponge cakes spread with jam, and soak the sponges in a mixture of half fruit juice and half sherry.

Make a custard by beating up two eggs with four tablespoonfuls of full-cream sweetened condensed milk (to save sugar) and stirring in three-quarters of a pint of water. Stir over a low flame until the custard thickens, cool and pour over the sponges. When quite cold, pour a layer of thin cream over the trifle and decorate with dabs of stiffly-whipped double-cream, sliced blanches, almonds, crystallised cherries and angelica.

THE NEW TILLAGE ORDER

MR. BELTON'S MOTION FOR DAIL

Mr. P. Belton has, with Mr. Coogan, T.D., given notice to move at the next meeting of the Dail that the new Tillage Order requiring the tilling of one-fifth of the arable land, instead of one-sixth, be annulled. The chief intention apparently is to have a debate on the agricultural position, and the Taoiseach has been asked to give an opportunity for this in Government time.

Mr. Sean Lemass, Minister for Supplies, has addressed a request to members of all parties asking for their assistance in getting the fullest possible response to the "grow more wheat" campaign.

Smokers' 'Fur'

How to detect it—
How to prevent it

Try this now. Run your tongue round your mouth—do you notice it . . . a rough woolly feeling. Smokers' fur has got a hold, and is staining your teeth. But don't worry, you can stop this fur from ruining the look of your teeth.

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Bridegroom and bride after the wedding at Castlane Church, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny, of Dr. Thomas N. A. Arthur, second son of Dr. Alfred Arthur, Newport, Mon., and the late Mrs. Arthur, and Miss Margaret K. McFall, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McFall, Monaghan.

TIPPERARY MURDER CHARGE

EXPERT EVIDENCE ABOUT CARTRIDGES

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CLONMEL, Thursday.

At Clonmel to-day, before District Justice Troy, Henry Gleeson, aged 38, of Marlhill, New Inn, was charged with the murder of Mary McCarthy, aged 40, unmarried, of Marlhill, between 5 p.m. on November 20th last and 10.20 a.m. on November 21st.

Superintendent Stapleton, Garda ballistics expert, said that the muzzle of the gun had been held in close proximity to the head, when one shot was fired. He estimated another shot to have been fired from a range of five or six feet. A search of the area surrounding the body resulted in the finding of a number of cartridges, wads, and spent cartridges, one of which was pushed into the bank of the ditch through the undergrowth. He received from a detective a single-barrelled, twelve bore shotgun and nine No. 5 Grand Prix cartridges. The gun was cleaned and showed no traces of fouling. He compared the Grand Prix loaded cartridges with the other used ones, and found them to be of the same type and brand. Two of the used cartridges had been crumpled and twisted before being discarded, and that would not have been caused by the gun. He fired a test cartridge from the gun and compared the various empty cartridges found with the other cartridges, and the result of his comparison was that the cartridges were fired by the same gun.

Guard McCann stated that in a search of Caesar's house at Marlhill he found one loaded Grand Prix cartridge, and Guard Ruane said that he found two empty cartridge cases outside Caesar's house.

Michael Grayson said that while employed at Caesar's at the same time as the accused man he saw the latter take out Caesar's gun on two occasions.

John Halpin, Garranlea, said that in April or May last he met the accused man after the last child was born to the deceased woman. In a conversation the accused man asked if he had heard of the occurrence at McCarthy's, and when witness said that he had not heard anything accused seemed surprised.

William Fitzgerald, Marlhill, said that on the morning that the body was found he was having a conversation with Mr. Caesar when the accused man came along. Witness said to him: "You are an iron man," and Gleeson said: "If I had heart disease I was dead." Witness said: "Were there any tracks around the place?" and Gleeson said: "No; that he and Guard Ruth searched all around, and that one would think it would be easy to track her, as the boots she wore were different, one having nails and the other not."

The further hearing was adjourned to Friday.

KEEPING WINTER AT BAY

Here's the nicest way of combating winter—a delicious cup of Coff-o-era contains the three vitamins so necessary in winter time—vitamin A for resistance to infection; vitamin B2 for aiding digestion, and D, the "sunshine" vitamin. Instead of tea or coffee, many Irish people are taking Coff-o-era, which costs only 9d. per carton, from all good grocers.—(Advt.)

Can they face all weathers this winter?

YOU can't keep kiddies in cottonwool—not even in winter. Yet every time they go out they run the risk of ills and chills.

That is mother's problem today—how to maintain resistance to infection whatever the weather.

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In Scott's Emulsion there is an abundance of protective fats, of health-giving, growth-promoting vitamins and the pure nourishment of the world's finest cod liver oil.

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That is why doctors recommend Scott's Emulsion—for young and old alike.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

BANKS' DISPUTE

The legality of the notices recently served by the Irish banks on the officials will be tested shortly, it is understood. The Irish Bank Officials' Association Executive Committee has obtained the opinion of counsel in Belfast and Dublin, and action will be taken first in Belfast.

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At 2.35, 5.0, 7.25, 9.50.
JOHNNY MACK BROWN, in "PONY POST."
At 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.

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"RED RIDING HOOD."
1/6, 1/4, 1/-, 8d. Box Seats 3/-. Children's Mat. Daily, 9d., 6d., 4d. Also NOVEL FILM at 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.

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DUBLIN'S SUPER CINEMA..................3.30-11.
Hugh Herbert, in "SLIGHTLY TEMPTED."
Richard Arlen in "HOT STEEL."
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RONALD COLMAN, GINGER ROGERS, in
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FRIDAY NEXT:
JOAN CRAWFORD and FREDERIC MARCH,
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PAUL MUNI,
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"BLONDIE BRINGS UP BABY."
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Also: "I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING BUT LOVE, BABY."

PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE NATIONAL BANK, LIMITED,
13 Old Broad Street,
London, E.C. 2.
10th January, 1941.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Proprietors of The National Bank, Limited, will be held at No. 13 Old Broad Street, London, E.C. 2, on Thursday, the 30th January, 1941, at 12 noon of that day.

At this Meeting the Directors will submit their Report and Balance Sheet for the half-year to 31st December, 1940, and, pursuant to Clause 107 of the Articles of Association, three of the present Directors, viz.: Captain the Hon. H. E. Fitzalan-Howard, E. H. Walpole, Esq., and M. J. Babington Smith, Esq., will go out of office by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Companies Act, 1929, Auditors will be appointed to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., and Messrs. Stokes Bros. and Pim, Chartered Accountants, the present Auditors, who are eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
E. S. GOADBY,
Secretary.

N.B.—The Books of the Bank for the registration of Transfer Deeds (both in London and Dublin) will be closed on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1941, and will so remain until after Saturday, the 25th day of the same month.

KILKENNY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.
INISTIOGE DISPENSARY DISTRICT.
WANTED.

Temporary Midwife. Salary £60 per annum. Applications to be lodged with the Undersigned on or before 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 13th January, 1941.
By Order T. TREASAIGH, Runaidhe.
Central Hospital, Kilkenny.
3rd January, 1941.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
MARY JANE GETHINGS, late of 32 Albert Road, Sandycove, in the County of Dublin, Spinster, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., Cap. 54, that the above-named, by her last Will, dated the 23rd December, 1939, made the following charitable bequests:—

To the Select Vestry of Saint Paul's Church, Glenageary, all money which I may have in 2½% Consols, for the reduction of the fine on Shares for the Sustentation Fund of the Parish of Glenageary. (Consols.)

To Monkstown Hospital, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, £50 6¼% Shares in the Irish Times, Limited. (Fifty Pounds.)

£500 to Hibernian Bible Society, 41 Dawson Street, Dublin, Canadian P-Railway 4%. (Five Hundred Pounds.)

£100 to the Leper Mission, Matana, Africa, 6% Buenos Pacific Railway. (£100.)

The Testatrix died on the 1st day of September, 1940, and Probate of her said Will, with Codicil, was, on the 10th day of December, 1940, granted forth of the Principal Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice, Eire, to William Frederick Gethings, of Beechmount, High Street, Tullamore, County Offaly, the surviving Executor named in the said Will.

Dated this 8th day of January, 1941.
POTTERTON & CAREY, Solicitors for the Executor, 20 Wicklow Street, Dublin.
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests, and all others whom it may concern.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
THOMAS W. McCONKEY, late of Market Street, Cootehill, in the County of Cavan, Merchant, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 21st day of January, 1940, are hereby required, on or before the 8th day of February, 1941, to furnish particulars (in writing) of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitor for the Administrator, to whom Administration was granted forth of the Principal Probate Registry at Dublin on the 25th June, 1940.

And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 8th day of February, 1941 the Administrator shall proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims and demands of which he shall have received written notice, as required.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1941.
GEORGE E. HENDERSON, Solicitor for the Administrator, Clones, Co. Monaghan.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
HENRY J. MONKS, late of 20 Hollybrook road, Clontarf, Dublin, Deceased.

Any persons having claims against the Estate of the late Henry J. Monks, who died on the 24th December, 1940, are requested to send in full particulars thereof, in writing, to the undermentioned Solicitors for the Executors.
D. & T. FitzGERALD, 30 Anglesea street, Dublin, C. 4.

CONTRACTS.

CORPORATION OF DUBLIN.
TENDERS FOR UNIFORM CLOTHING.

Tenders are invited for the supply of items of Uniform for twenty-eight Visiting Nurses attached to the Public Health Department.

Particulars, with tender forms, etc., may be obtained at the Public Health Office Municipal Buildings Cork Hill, Dublin.

Tenders, enclosed in sealed envelopes, endorsed "TENDER FOR NURSES' UNIFORMS," and addressed to "The City Manager and Town Clerk, Finance and General Purposes Section, City Hall, Dublin" must be delivered not later than 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, 22nd January, 1941.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

P. J. HERNON,
City Manager and Town Clerk.
City Hall, Dublin,
9th January, 1941.

HIGH WATER AT OTHER PORTS.

	Morning.	Evening.
Belfast	10. 8	10.27
Dundalk	10.23	10.42
Galway	3.33	4.16
Sligo	4.31	4.54
Waterford	5. 8	5.33

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Employment Wanted	2	Plywood and Timber	1
Furniture	1	Poultry, Eggs	1
Furs	1	Prams	1
Garden	1	Public Notices	4
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Houses and Lands		Shipping	1
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Houses and Lands		Situations Vacant	2
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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

EMERGENCY POWERS (CONTROL OF PRICES) (NO. 74) ORDER, 1941.
RETAIL PRICES OF MOTOR SPIRIT.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister for Supplies has made an Order entitled Emergency Powers (Control of Prices) (No. 74) Order, 1941.

The Order comes into force on the 10th January, 1941, and fixes maximum retail prices for motor spirit as follows:—
(a) In the area known by custom in the trade as the DUBLIN ZONE—2/2 per gallon.
(b) In the remainder of the country—2/3 per gallon.

Copies of the Order will be on sale shortly.
JOHN LEYDON, Secretary.
Department of Supplies, Dublin,
9th January, 1941.
13/B.1401. W.H.Co.

PETROL RATIONING.
EMERGENCY POWERS (MOTOR SPIRIT RATIONING) (NO. 6) ORDER, 1941.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister for Supplies made an Order on the 9th January, 1941, entitled Emergency Powers (Motor Spirit Rationing) (No. 6) Order, 1941.

The effect of this Order is that the "unit" has been reduced from one gallon to one-quarter of a gallon in respect of each unit specified on coupons whether overprinted or otherwise.

The new Order affects all coupons issued up to and including January, 1941, which at this date are in the possession of holders of coupon licences or of dealers in motor spirit.

Copies of the Order will be on sale shortly.
JOHN LEYDON, Secretary.
Department of Supplies, Dublin,
9th January, 1941.
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ON THE WIRELESS

IRISH PROGRAMME

6.30—Light Music. 6.40 — Stock Exchange, Sports Results, Official Announcements. 6.45—News. 7.0—Friday Orchestral Concert: Irish Radio Orchestra (Conductor, Lieut. Ml. Bowles): A Faust Overture (Wagner) (B. and Hartel). 8.0—Louis Kentner (Piano). 8.15—"Babes in the Wood": Relay of Pantomime from Gaiety Theatre, with Jimmy O'Dea. 9.0—Tráth na gCeisteanna: Murt O Dubhghaill 'á stiuru. 9.30—Scoruiocht: T. M. Brazil (Pipes), Ide Ni Chadhlaigh (Amhrain), James McEnery (Fiddle). 10.0—Nuacht (News). 10.10 — English. 10.30 — Music for Strings.

B.B.C. PROGRAMME

7.0—Time, News, Records. 7.30—Exercises. 7.50—Records. 7.55—Lift up your Hearts! 8.0—Time, News. 8.15—The Kitchen Front. 8.20—Orchestra. 9.0—Records. 9.35—Short Service for Schools. 9.55—Theatre Organ. 10.5—Schools. 10.15—Time, Daily Service. 10.30—Theatre Organ. 11.0—Health Talk for Schools. 11.20—Debroy Somers and his Band. 12.15—Violin Recital. 12.30—Midday Concert. 1.0—Time, News. 1.15—Symphony Orchestra. 2.0—Sea Songs and Shanties. 2.30—The Ballet (Records). 3.0—Records. 3.30—"What am I Reading Now" (Cecil Hunt). 3.45—Theatre Organ. 4.0—English Songs. 4.30—Caravan Players. 5.0—News and a Talk (Welsh). 5.20—Children's Hour. 6.0—Time, News. 6.30—News (Norwegian). 6.40 — National Magazine. 7.10—"Good Old Timers"—8. 7.55—A Short Story. 8.15—"Madam Butterfly" (Act 2) 9.0—Time, News. 9.20—To-night's Talk. 9.35—"Think on These Things." 9.40—Brahms Trios—1. 10.15—"The Drum in the Waves." 10.45—News (Gaelic). 10.55—Debroy Somers and his Band. 11.40—Theatre Organ. 12.0—Time, News.

FORCES PROGRAMME

6.30—Reveille! 7.0—Time, News. 7.15—Morning Star. 10.30—Theatre Organ. 11.0—Time, To-day's Anniversaries. 11.15—Debroy Somers and his Band. 12.15—News (French). 12.30—Midday Concert. 1.0—News (Dutch). 1.15—War Commentary. 1.30—Theatreland. 2.0—Time, Sea Songs and Shanties. 2.30—Orchestra. 3.0—Records. 3.30—"Driver Smith Entertains." 4.0—Quiz for the Forces. 4.30—Caravan Players. 5.0—Time, Records. 5.15—News (German). 5.30—"Broadway Calling." 6.0—News (Dutch and French). 6.30—Concert. 7.15—"And Anthony Sherwood Laughed" (Episode 3). 7.35—Radio Rhythm Club. 8.0—Geraldo. 8.30—Madge Elliott and Cyril Ritchard in "Over and Up." 9.0—News (German). 9.20—In the Limelight. 10.0—Time, Jack Payne and his Band. 10.45—Theatre Organ. 11.0—Close down.

The Irish Times

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1941.

The Petrol Problem

Motorists in Eire will be shocked this morning when they learn that, by virtue of an Order made by the Minister for Supplies last night, their ration of petrol has been reduced drastically. Almost immediately after Christmas supplies to distributors suddenly were stopped, with the result that much inconvenience was caused to large numbers of private motorists. After a few days the distributors were permitted to resume their sales on a restricted basis; but it was assumed generally—although there was no official warrant for the assumption—that the shortage was only temporary, and that everything possible would be done to ensure continuity of supplies. In consequence of last night's Order, private motoring, for most practical purposes, will come to an end in Eire. Owners of "baby" cars—that is to say, of cars of eight horse-power and less, will be allotted two gallons of petrol a month, while those who own cars of twelve to fourteen horse-power will be allotted three gallons. In other words, the unit which originally was one gallon, and afterwards was increased to one gallon and a half has been reduced to one-quarter of a gallon, or one-sixth of its former volume. This condition of affairs will continue at least until the end of the present month; presumably, the situation will be reviewed by the Government then, although there can be no guarantee that the petrol ration will be increased. The fact is that supplies are not available at the moment, and that such stocks as are in the country must be ear-marked for public transport and other national services. According to last night's Order, "it may be necessary to grant additional supplementary licences to certain motor vehicle owners. Any concession in this direction, however, can be granted only to persons engaged on national and essential services." Manifestly, so long as there is any petrol in the country, doctors, for example, must be given priority in respect of supplies. For a busy medical man with a fourteen horse-power car, particularly in the country districts, three gallons of petrol monthly would be almost useless. As we think, medical practitioners ought to be given preference over all other members of the community. Their work is of national importance *par excellence*.

Doubtless, there are other sections of the community that will demand special treatment; but, when all is said and done, the interests of the State must come before those of any individual or group of individuals. The Irish Government cannot be blamed altogether for the present shortage of petrol and oil supplies. The war has been in progress for sixteen months; and, although for some time past petrol has been rationed, the motorists in Eire have been far better off in respect of supplies than those of any other country in Europe. Visitors to Ireland have been astonished at the density of private motor traffic on our roads; and it hardly is too much to say that, despite the official rationing of petrol, nine motorists out of ten scarcely have felt the pinch. Now the time has come when hard facts must be faced. Eire has no tankers of her own. The laws of the United States estop American vessels from entry to our ports; and virtually all the available "neutral" tankers in the world have been chartered by the British Government. Eire, therefore, must depend for her petrol supplies on Great Britain. The British themselves are running short at a time when they need every drop of petrol for military purposes; and they hardly can be expected to give much consideration to Eire's requirements. This country managed to exist long before the internal combustion engine ever was heard of; it must learn to exist without motor-cars again. We have every sympathy with those whose livelihood depends on their motor-cars; we have no sympathy at all with those who use them solely for pleasure. Admittedly, those motor owners who have taxed their cars for the present year have been unfortunate; but half the world is at war, and millions of people on the Continent of Europe have not enough to eat for themselves and their children, let alone petrol enough for their cars. This country is blessed above its neighbours, inasmuch as it enjoys the inestimable blessings of peace. It must be prepared to pay for neutrality; and, if it suffers no more than a reduction in its supplies of petrol, its inhabitants will have cause for thanksgiving rather than for complaint.

The Pacific

Widespread attention has been paid to President Roosevelt's programme of help for the democratic nations—as represented by Great Britain. There can be no doubt that Great Britain was in the forefront of his thoughts; yet America's comment has shown that the produce of his factories will be designed for the assistance of other nations as well. Japan is not a totalitarian State—yet; and, to some extent, Japan may be regarded as a democratic nation; but she has aligned herself with Germany and Italy, and she is engaged in a war of aggression, with the result that her victim, China, comes within the category of those nations to which the United States has pledged herself to offer assistance. The Japanese, essential realists, are in no two minds about President Roosevelt's recent pronouncement. Their Government's official newspaper, the *Nichi Nichi Shimbun*, already has observed that his message to Congress was aimed not only against Germany and Italy, but also against Japan; and it accepts the challenge. "Japan," says the newspaper, "is resolute to frustrate any attempt by the United States to run the Japanese blockade of China." It is clear that the Japanese not only have accepted the warning, but have taken alarm. They are not one of the self-sufficient nations that can conduct war for an unlimited time on their own products; but, on the other hand, a country which, while attaining nearer to self-sufficiency than most others, is lacking in many of the raw materials which war demands. There can be no question that the recent embargo by the United States upon the export of pig-iron and oil struck a serious blow to Japan's hope of success in her Chinese war; and the promise to help the enemies of aggression may be decisive. For months past the chief strength of the Japanese armies has lain not in themselves, but in the inability of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and his millions of soldiers to obtain the necessary arms and equipment. If the United States can keep her promise—let us remember that most of the Chinese ports are in Japanese hands—the Nationalists will be in a far stronger position *vis-à-vis* Japan than they have occupied during the three years of war. They have the men—men by the million. All that they lack is the equipment—tanks, heavy and light artillery, bombing and fighting aeroplanes—wherewith to counter the Japanese offensive and to return blow for blow. Let the equipment be forthcoming, and there can be no doubt concerning the effect of the Chinese counterblast.

It is questionable whether, with the best will in the world, the United States can transport arms to Chiang Kai-shek. Japan holds all the ports of China proper; the only channel is Hong Kong or *via* Burma—both of which routes are open for the last month or two; but it is not impossible that the American decision will be answered by a Japanese effort to close these routes. Japan finds herself in an almost desperate position. She is fighting a losing war in China. She cannot hope to prevail against its colossal man-power; her only chance is to anticipate the arming of that man-power, and to establish her hold upon the greater part of China before Chiang Kai-shek, or his successor as Commander-in-Chief, is in a position to seize the offensive. If the Chinese Nationalists can procure arms from America, Japan's last chance of success is gone. Perhaps, she will be able to retain for a while her hold upon the coast towns, but she certainly will not be able to hold anything more. Upon the success of her present campaign in China depends her entire hope of a new empire in the Far East, involving the acquisition of Australia and India, as well as the Dutch East Indies, French Indo-China and other European possessions. To that extent the Chinese war possesses a vital meaning for the belligerents in the present European war, and, likewise to that extent, the two wars are part and parcel of the same conflict. There is no doubt that Japan—or, rather, the military caste which at present controls her political destinies—would like to take part in the European struggle on the side of the two totalitarian nations; but for the time being they dare not engage in anything more ambitious than their "incident" in China. In the first place, their country is too poor. In the second place, their hands are full with the Chinese. It may be that the Japanese Navy is strong enough to hold its own—and, possibly, to hold more than its own—against that portion of the British Navy which can be left in the Pacific after by far the larger part has been diverted to the North Sea and the Mediterranean; but the generals of Tokyo are fully aware that their enemy will be not only Great Britain, but, inevitably, the United States. They do not dare to face the United States, for all their loyalty to the Axis Powers; for she is fresh, and they are tired—tired by three years of war against a Power which, while by comparison with themselves is primitive in equipment, remains young in spirit and in man-power immeasurable.

Christmas Mails

Now that the festive season has come and gone, the postal authorities can sit back and take a rest; for they did more than their fair share of work over this busy period. In Dublin alone about 5,000,000 Christmas greeting cards were received. The advice to post early was followed by most people; but, in spite of this precaution, the Dublin sorting office staff were kept busy until the early hours of Christmas morning. Altogether 5,361,000 letters, 50,255 registered letters and 110,720 parcels passed through the post offices in the city. From the size of these figures one can gain some idea of the immense number of letters which must have been received in England; for, apart entirely from the difference in population, the majority of British families are now divided and spent Christmas apart from one another. The children were in the country and the older members with the forces. In this way many greeting cards and letters were sent which normally would not be necessary. When one considers the total number of letters and cards which must have been posted it is not difficult to understand that some of these letters should get lost; indeed, it would be surprising if many of them did not get lost. At the same time one feels that, while letters and cards might get lost, anything important in the way of a valuable parcel or a registered letter surely would be safe. Such an assumption is far from the truth. In England during the week preceding Christmas over 2,000 registered letters were lost, as well as 100,000 ordinary letters and about 7,000 parcels. About 6,000 loose articles which had become unwrapped in the post or had been lost in the post offices also found their way to the "lost" department. These figures, which must seem astronomical to the average man, are, according to a postal official, not by any means high. On an average the postal authorities have to deal with about 3,500,000 letters, 70,000 registered letters and 100,000 parcels, and 170,000 loose articles which come to them as lost. Out of all this vast number of letters and parcels which lie for the moment unclaimed only one parcel has excited any attention. A grubby bag containing fourteen pounds of onions, which was posted early in December, somehow seems to have gone astray, and now awaits a claimant. The people are not slow to seize their opportunities; already seventy applications have been received from all over the country. This is another case of "scarcity value"; nobody would think of sending onions as a Christmas present in peace-time, and, if it should happen, it is probable that even the rightful owners would hesitate to claim them.

COURT AND PERSONAL

The Earl of Carlisle celebrated his forty-sixth birthday during the week.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Alexander, paid a visit earlier in the week to a West country town, where he talked to people made homeless by bombing.

The Hon. John Bradbury celebrated his twenty-seventh birthday on Tuesday last.

The Consul-General for the Netherlands, de Heer Weenink, has returned to Dublin, and has taken charge of the Consulate-General again.

Viscountess Cranley is staying at Clandon Park, while her husband is with his regiment.

Miss Iris de Stacpoole has returned to Tobertynan, Co. Meath, from Yorkshire, for a short holiday.

Miss Fowler has returned to Navan from England.

We regret to announce the death of Ulick de Burgh, 7th Marquess of Sligo, on Tuesday, January 7th, at a Nursing Home in Dublin. The Service will be held at Westport Parish Church at 12 o'clock to-day (Friday), the 10th instant. Funeral private.

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place on February 19th, between Doctor Patrick Dermot O'Rourke, Maretimo terrace, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, and Doctor Maeve Menzies, St. Ann's, Killiney, Co. Dublin.

The engagement is announced between Basil Ivan, second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Donaldson, "Beechlea," Belleek, and Dorothy ("Dorrie"), younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brown, "The Mount," Waterford.

The engagement is announced between Michael Thomas Byrne, M.R.C.V.S., Athy, Co. Kildare, youngest son of the late Patrick Byrne and of Mrs. Byrne, Park House, Tullow, Co. Carlow, and Margaret Lillian Kilpatrick, only daughter of Myles W. and Mrs. Whelan, Fort Barrington, Athy, Co. Kildare.

The marriage arranged between William Henry Robert Lee Hilton, Monkstown, and Eva Chevril Robinson, 34 Monkstown road, will take place quietly in Monkstown Parish Church at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th February, 1941. Friends will be welcome at the church.

Switzers are making an exceptional Sale Offer of the well-known "Berlei" Foundation Garments at approximately one-third below the regular prices: Belts, at 21/-, 29/6, 49/6; Controlettes, at 29/6, 39/6, 55/-; Brassieres, 9/11 and 25/-.

Enquire from Mitchell's, of Grafton street, they offer reduced terms for Bridge Parties, Exhibitions, etc. etc., during January and February. 'Phone 44795 6, 7, 8.

Have you taken advantage of the marvellous bargains at Femina's Sale? Further reductions in Coats, Suits and Frocks.—9 Wicklow street

Fashionable Spectacles at Moderate Prices. Pollock and Co., Ltd., 50 Grafton street.

Irish Clergy—Best "Blarney" Black Serge Trousers, ready-to-wear all sizes, 29/6. Post free.—Gleeson and Co., "Irish Goods Only," Ath Cliath, 10 doors from Nelson Monument.

Buy all you need for the home at Arnott's Sale.

Leaders of Fashion in all Spectacle Wear.—Dixon and Hempenstall, Grafton street.

Have your shoes repaired by craftsmen.—Stephens and Bourke Ltd.

Our Boys hav now on a great Sale of their High-grade Clothing and Outfitting for the Boys, Youths and Young Man. So now is the time to replenish the School Outfits whilst we have a big stock and at Sale Prices. 24 Wicklow street.

Byrne and O'Connell's Sale now on. Our patrons would do well to see our Viennese Jacket Suits at the reduced prices. All sizes. Millinery at prices to clear before stock-taking.—12 Lower Baggot street.

Superfluous Hair—Whole face cleared in 1—24 hours by Diathermy, the latest and safest method. No regrowth, pain or marks definitely guaranteed.—Mr. Martin, M.R.M., Berlin, 11 Lr. Fitzwilliam st. (Tel. 64910), Dublin, and 8, South Mall, Cork.

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F. R. HIGGINS

Now winter and the fogs and ills of winter
Are come into the house, indeed,
And the frost clutches about the heart and the eyes fail
In their first need.

Death has pushed over its cliff a laughing friend
Who walked unfearful on the very edge,
So well he kept his senses on that giddy height
He might have had a pledge

That the plains of Meath or the hills of Connemara
Waited eternally for him, and a bowl of song
To set alert every bright outpost of his mind
And keep it strong.

Grateful he must lie now in the black earth of Meath
That he made his own—
He will not freeze to-night in the soft clay
With song warm in the bone—

But we mourn to-night for him, who should mourn for ourselves
And our loss in the first days of the year,
While lusty winds blow over from Nephin to the midlands
To sing for his ear.

DONAGH MACDONAGH.

25 YEARS AGO

From the *Irish Times*, January 10, 1916.

Evacuation of Gallipoli.

The complete evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula has been successfully carried out. All guns and howitzers were removed safely, with the exception of seventeen worn-out guns, which were blown up. The British casualties amounted to only one wounded, and there were no French casualties.

Sinking of the King Edward VII.

The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that H.M.S. King Edward VII. has struck a mine. Owing to unusually heavy seas she had to be abandoned, and sunk shortly afterwards. The ship's company were taken off without any loss of life, and only two men were injured.

Fire in Dublin.

Shortly after two o'clock this morning a fire broke out in a storehouse belonging to John McDonnell and Co., Ltd., at the rear of 8 Ormond quay, Dublin. When the Fire Brigade arrived at the storehouse, which was in Little Strand street, it already was burning fiercely. The flames quickly burst through the roof and windows of the three-storey building, and the flare could be seen from a great distance. Fortunately nobody was injured, but some nearby tenements were endangered.

JERVIS STREET HOSPITAL

The annual meeting of the Governors and Guardians of the Charitable Infirmary, Jervis street, Dublin, was held at the Hospital yesterday to elect a managing committee for 1941.

The following were elected:—The Most Rev. Dr. John McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin; the Very Rev. Michael Boylan, Adm.; the Very Rev. Canon Flood, P.P.; Messrs. Hubert Briscoe, Timothy Caffrey and Donald Chance, Senator T. Foran, Messrs. Denis Guiney, Hugh Kennedy, S. J. Keogh, Peter McCarthy, Joseph McGrath, B. O'Hanlon, A. P. Reynolds and William Ryan.

MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL

The Board of Governors of the Masonic Boys' School will meet in the Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth street, Dublin, on Tuesday next, 14th inst., at 5 o'clock p.m.

LONDON LETTER

THE UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
THURSDAY NIGHT.

THE fact that there are no fewer than eight seats vacant in the House of Commons, with the possibility that these vacancies will be filled without contest in their respective constituencies, is giving rise to the comment that party fighting should again be permitted. It is pointed out that the House of Commons is being reinforced on the 1935 basis, and that it is time that the present opinion of the electorate should be tested wherever possible. Public feeling regarding the war is well known, but it may be a good thing for Mr. Churchill if an occasional election revealed that the people of Britain were whole-heartedly behind him. At the same time, it is the opinion of many politicians that a change in the party truce is undesirable, and that as this view is said to be held by those in authority, it is improbable that the forthcoming elections will be contested.

Redistribution Demand

It is not unlikely that when the House of Commons resumes its deliberations, a demand will be put forward for a Redistribution Bill, since this is held to be more necessary than ever owing to the constant shifting of the population of Britain since 1918. Some members hold that the time is over-ripe for a reconstruction of the House of Commons itself, so that it may be brought more nearly into touch with the methods of municipal government adopted by so many of the great centres, which would mean a break-up of the party system. In the London area municipal elections take place every three years, while in the provinces one-third of the members of local bodies retire each year, and the retiring members must seek re-election if they wish to continue to sit. It is possible that the demand for redistribution may be met by the setting up of a committee, but very few people agree with the proposal that there shall be a change in the method of election to the Imperial Parliament.

Production Debate

Shortly after the reassembly of Parliament there will be a debate on British man and war production, though the urgency of such a debate has been removed by Mr. Churchill's appointment of committees to deal with such matters. It is understood that Mr. Greenwood, who is to take charge of post-war reconstruction, will at once receive a report from Lord Reith, who has been inspecting the damage done by air raids, and is said to be desirous of embarking on a plan to be carried out by an architect with vision and genius. What is really wanted is a man like Sir Christopher Wren, but at present he is not in sight. The Corporation of the City of London also is giving consideration to the matter, particularly the rebuilding of the Guildhall, but it has been unable to come to any conclusion in such a short space of time. That the Guildhall will be rebuilt goes without saying, but it may not be done for a long time to come.

Place-names Obliterated

When the work of removing sign-posts and place-names was undertaken in this country last year, it took far longer than anticipated to complete, and even now it occasionally comes to light that certain indications as to localities are given. The actual physical removal of the direction posts and place-names was accomplished in a few days, but the obliteration of names on post-offices, churches, theatres, branches of large stores and cinemas, as well as on town halls, municipal buildings, and house agents' notices, was not completed for some months. Announcements of property for sale and to let were troublesome, as even though the name of the locality had been taken out the situation was sometimes revealed by the telephone number of the agent being given, but now all place-names, including those in telephone numbers, have been obliterated.

Value of Tobruk

It is not surprising that the course of General Wavell's campaign in Libya is being watched with intense interest in British military circles, and there is much speculation as to whether the General will proceed to attack Tobruk without further delay. It is thought that he has already commenced definite operations against the place, though it is admitted that he may have a great fight before he can secure it. Tobruk is said to be more strongly fortified than Sollum or Bardia, but its possession would be of such immense value to the British that it seems not unlikely that efforts will be made to reduce it at any reasonable cost. In this connection it is a fact that with Bardia the British have a valuable supply base, and they would like to have Tobruk as a naval base, which would be of the utmost utility to them.

"Big Bertha"

In the course of the last war Paris was bombarded from the German line with a long-distance gun which the Allies called "Big Bertha." The story comes from Italy that preparations are being made in Germany to bombard London with a similar weapon. The feat is not impossible, but it would have to deal with the response of the British Air Force, and the shots could not be numerous. "Big Bertha" was an eight-inch gun, 110 feet long, and the pedestal and carriage weighed 550 tons. It had a range of from 60 to 70 miles, cost £600,000, and every shot fired represented an expenditure of £1,750.

IRISHMAN'S DIARY

Fred Higgins

The death of Fred Higgins has shocked me more than I can express, or would wish to express. Of all the poetic fraternity he was the gentlest soul, the most human and the least arrogant.

It is not a great body of work that he has left behind him, but it is good work, with precious little in it that does not deserve to endure. In the strictest sense of the phrase, too, it was all his own. Search his books and you will find no echoes of other poets, no model, conscious or otherwise, on which he could be accused of having based his lovely lines. His genius derived from himself, and from none other.

I met Fred Higgins for the first time some fifteen years ago, in the year when he published his third book, "Island Blood." He had been lured into reading some poems from it—"Old Galway," I remember, was one of them—at some entertainment or other, and, though he was not a good reciter of his own poetry, I can still remember the emotion that those strange rhythms excited in me: the sense of something new and genuine and stirring.

From that time onwards a book by Fred Higgins was to me an "event." I looked forward to the arrival of every one with eagerness, yet with some trepidation; for it is so seldom that a poet maintains the level of his first creations. But every book had something new and splendid in it.

Surely such a poet, and such a companion, deserved to live a little longer.

Sportsmen on the Bench

The recent promotion of Mr. H. A. MacCarthy to be a permanent District Justice at the Metropolitan Police Courts recalls that he is but one of a remarkably large number of former sports stars to be found on the judicial benches in Dublin and the provinces. Mr. MacCarthy had been prominent in Irish cricket for decades—playing first with Bohemians in his native Cork, more lately with Merrion Club in the capital.

Mr. D. J. Little, whose retirement under the age limit rule created the vacancy to which Mr. MacCarthy has been appointed, after Mr. Hannan had been moved up to be Senior District Justice, is a keen all-the-year-round swimmer, who can be seen taking his daily dip at Bray, no matter how cold the morning. He is in marvellous health as a result, in spite of his 70 years.

Mr. Justice James Creed Meredith, of the Supreme Court, was a runner and cyclist in his student days, and made many sprint records.

Varied Interests

Waterford's Circuit Court Judge, James Sealy, husband of Dr. Hyde's daughter, has the distinction of being one of the few Irish sportsmen to represent the country in two spheres. He has played both Rugby and hockey for Ireland. Holder of nine Rugger caps all told, his greatest achievement was membership of the Triple Crown-winning fifteen of 1899. Now, like his Presidential father-in-law, he plays a good game of golf.

Dublin Circuit Court Judge Cahir Davitt is one of the capital's leading table-tennis players. He is also keen on Rugby, being prominent as a Bective representative in the councils of the Leinster Branch of the I.R.F.U.

Cork Circuit Court Judge J. O'Connor prefers the dog sports. Sligo District Justice Charles A. Flattery is one of the men behind the Sligo Rovers' Association football team. And Roscommon District Justice H. Hamilton is an accurate shot with a sports rifle, I am told.

Nor must it be forgotten that the veteran ex-Attorney-General, Patrick Lynch, was a fine all-round athlete in his youth. Now he is behind a "drive" to revive field athletics in all Irish schools and colleges.

Charley's Aunt

"I see that "Charley's Aunt" has had yet another successful revival in Belfast recently. Last year it was played at the Gaiety in Dublin, and I was very interested to notice the number of members of the older generation of playgoers who turned out to see this farce, which they had certainly seen many times before.

It is probably one of the few "evergreen" plays of the past half century, and, no doubt, our grand-children will still get a laugh out of it. Somehow or another Brandon Thomas never really "rang the bell" with any other play, and, in fact, it was rather by chance that "Charley's Aunt" was not forgotten.

It was first produced in the old Royalty Theatre in London on December 21st, 1892, and was reasonably successful; but it passed from the stage and was virtually forgotten. In July, 1901, the Great Queen Street Theatre, London, decided to try a revival of the farce. It was a great success.

Since that time it has been played in most countries of the world, and very few years have gone by without a revival of it in London around Christmas-time. Every time the box office has shown that it ranks with first-class pantomimes as an attraction.

Familiar Doggerel

The circuitous style of writing employed by so many foreign correspondents of American newspapers has led a contributor to the *Chicago Tribune* to re-write some familiar doggerel as he imagines it might be received from a foreign correspondent:

Thirty days hath September,
Usually reliable resources report;
Also April, June and November,
It is hinted in semi-official quarters.
All the rest, to-day's communiqué reveals,
Have thirty-one;
Save February, which
According to informants who cannot be named
But have hitherto proved trustworthy,
Has (two words censored).

QUIDNUNC.

NEWS SUMMARY

Lord Halifax, the new British Ambassador to Washington, was entertained by the Pilgrims at luncheon in London yesterday. Mr. Churchill, proposing the health of Lord Halifax, explained that his departure did not mean a final severance of his connection with the Cabinet. Both Mr. Churchill and Lord Halifax dwelt on the importance of British and United States co-operation.

Two of Germany's naval bases, Emden and Wilhelmshaven, were bombed by the Royal Air Force for nearly seven hours on Wednesday night. It is claimed that some of the fires which were started were seen by pilots when fifty miles away.

Owing to the limited supplies of petrol the Minister for Supplies in Eire made an order last night reducing the value of the unit of each petrol coupon to one-quarter of a gallon. The order has the effect of withdrawing the special extra allowance of 50 per cent. granted to private motor-owners for some time past.

It was reported in Washington yesterday that a group of American Investment Trusts are negotiating for the purchase of American industrial securities held by Britain and valued at £150,000,000. British investments in the United States exceed £1,750,000,000.

LIFEBOAT CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL PARTY

On Thursday next the annual Children's Carnival Party, in aid of the Lifeboat Service, will be held in the Aberdeen Hall, Gresham Hotel, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Last year's party was a great success, and Lady Taylor and her Committee hope to break all records this year. An attractive programme has been arranged, which should appeal to children of all ages. Cattle Kings, Admirals, A.R.P. Wardens, Red Cross Nurses, and many other representations will be portrayed by children in fancy costumes, for which there are many prizes. Numerous prizes have also been provided for those who are not in fancy dress. The costumes will be judged by Mrs. Chisholm Cameron, Mrs. Conor Maguire and Mrs. Mansergh. Lady Maffey will present the prizes.

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	9.38	9.37
Sets	5.29	5.31
Lighting-up Time	5.59	6. 1

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Morning	10.38	11.14
Evening	10.57	11.34

DEATH.

WALSH—On Friday, January 10, 1941, at Ardna Glaise, Stillorgan Park, Caroline, wife of Maurice Walsh. Funeral to Esker, Lucan, to-morrow (Saturday), 11th inst., at 10 a.m. R.I.P.

MR. CHURCHILL ON HALIFAX MISSION

Future Depends on Relations with United States

WHY FOREIGN SECRETARY WAS SELECTED

To Be An Unofficial Member Of The Cabinet

ALTHOUGH Lord Halifax relinquishes the post of Foreign Secretary on his appointment as British Ambassador to Washington, the change involves no final severance with the War Cabinet.

Mr. Churchill made the point clear in his tribute to Lord Halifax, who was guest of honour at the Pilgrims' luncheon yesterday in London.

"He will be, as it were, seconded" from the War Cabinet, said Mr. Churchill, and should he be able to return at any time for consultation, he will resume his full functions and responsibilities as a Minister of the Crown.

Mr. Churchill dwelt on the importance of complete co-operation between the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America.

He paid a glowing tribute to President Roosevelt, and, speaking of the choice of Lord Halifax as Ambassador to Washington, said: "We send to the United States an Envoy who comes from the very centre of our counsels and knows all our secrets.

Lord Halifax, in the course of his reply, said that his duty would not be confined to the business of one-way traffic in thought. No less vital than the interpretation of the United States to the British Government was the translation of British thought and purpose to the Government and people of the United States.

BASIS OF FUTURE HOPES

Mr. Churchill said:—It is no exaggeration to say that the future of the whole world and the hopes of a broadening civilisation founded upon Christian ethics depend upon the relations between the British Empire or Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America.

The identity of purpose and persistence of resolve prevailing throughout the English-speaking world will, more than any other single fact, determine the way of life which will be open to the generations, and perhaps to the centuries, which follow our own.

If the co-operation between the United States and the British Empire in the task of extirpating the spirit and *régime* of totalitarian intolerance, wherever it may be found, were to fail, the British Empire, rugged and embattled, might, indeed, hew its way through and preserve the life and strength of our own country and our own Empire for the inevitable renewal of the conflict on worse terms, after an uneasy truce. But the chance of setting the march of mankind clearly and surely along the highroads of human progress would be lost and might never return. Therefore, we stand, all of us, upon the watch towers of history and have offered to us the glory of making the supreme sacrifices and exertions needed by a cause which it may not be irreverent to call sublime.

"A MOST FORTUNATE OCCURRENCE"

I have always taken the view that the fortunes of mankind in its tremendous journey are principally decided for good or ill—but mainly for good, for the path is upward—by its greatest men and its greatest episodes. I, therefore, hail it as a most fortunate occurrence that at this awe-striking climax in world affairs there should stand at the head of the American Republic a famous statesman, long versed and experienced in the work of government and administration, in whose heart there burns the fire of resistance to aggression and oppression, and whose sympathies and nature make him the sincere and undoubted champion of justice and of freedom, and of the victims of wrong-doing wherever they may dwell. And not less—for I may say it now that the Party struggle in the United States is over—do I rejoice that this pre-eminent figure should newly have received the unprecedented honour of being called for the third time to lead the American democracies in days of stress and storm.

RESTORING THE LINK

His Majesty's Government had placed in Washington an Ambassador, Lord Lothian, whose character and qualities were outstanding, and had gained him the trust and friendship of President Roosevelt. Suddenly and unexpectedly, Lord Lothian was struck down by death. A link was broken, a gap was opened, and a loss of the highest consequence was sustained at a very grave moment in the annals of the British and American peoples, and for those generous and wide causes which they have, in their different ways and in their different situations, so resolutely espoused. We, therefore, thought it our duty to restore this link, to fill this gap, to repair this loss, by sending, without regard to the derangement of our forces and circle here, the best we could find, without regard to any other consideration whatsoever. We chose our Foreign Secretary, who had himself chosen Lord Lothian, to fill Lord Lothian's place. Our choice was most agreeable to the President, and it commands the full confidence of nearly all of those in this country who mean to persevere in our righteous cause until its certain victorious end is reached.

TRIBUTE TO LORD HALIFAX

In Edward Halifax we have a man of light and leading, whose company is a treat, and whose friendship it is an honour to enjoy. I have often disagreed with him in the twenty years I have kown him in the rough and tumble of British politics, but I have always respected him and his actions, because I know that courage and fidelity are the essence of his being, and that, whether as a soldier with his regiment in the last war or as the ruler of, and trustee for, four hundred millions in India, he has never swerved from the path of duty as he saw it shining out before him. As a man of deep, but unparaded and unaffected, religious convictions, and as for many years an ardent lover of the chase, he has known how to get the best out of both worlds. Like all members of the present National Government in Great Britain—most of whom seem to be gathered around this board to-day—he has vowed himself to prosecute this war against the Nazi tyranny, at whatever cost, until its last vestiges are destroyed. We send the United States an Envoy who comes from the very centre of our counsels and knows all our secrets.

Although while Lord Halifax is serving as Ambassador out of this country he cannot be a member of the War Cabinet, he will be, if I may borrow a military term, not wholly inappropriate to the times in which we live, as it were, seconded from it. He still attends all our meetings, and will continue to do so during the weeks before his departure, and, should he be able to return here for consultation at any time in the summer—as I hope may be possible—he will resume his full functions and responsibilities as a Minister of the Crown. We now bid him and his brilliant and devoted wife godspeed and all good fortune, and it is our fervent hope that he may prosper in a mission as momentous as any that the Monarchy has entrusted to an Englishman in the lifetime of the oldest of us here. (Cheers.)

Mr. Churchill then proposed the health of Lord Halifax.

Virtually every member of the Cabinet attended the luncheon. Not even at the Lord Mayor's banquet in times of peace has there been such a "top table."

NEW AMBASSADOR'S REPLY

Lord Halifax said that he took a measure of credit for the one superlatively good deed of his life, which was to recommend Lord Lothian's appointment as Ambassador to Washington. "I can claim none of the special qualifications that Lord Lothian had in the way of direct personal knowledge of the United States," he added, "and only in one respect have I an advantage over him—and that is in stepping straight from the counsels of the War Cabinet and the chair of the Foreign Secretary to take up the duties of Ambassador at Washington. For that, I believe there is no precedent.

"My duty will not be confined to the business of one-way traffic in thought—to the interpretation of the United States to the British Government and people. No less vital is the translation of British thought and purpose to the Government and people of the United States.

"That translation of British thought has been greatly assisted by recent events, which have spoken more loudly than any words and which have had the effect not only of making the attitude of our own people unmistakably plain but also of bringing to the United States exactly the same kind of awakening that had naturally, come earlier to our own people here. When I remember the width of the Atlantic and the size of the United States I am frankly amazed at the rapidity with which that awakening has taken place."

WHAT DID NOT HAPPEN

Referring to Dunkirk and the collapse of France, Lord Halifax said: "We watched a great Prime Minister and a great people joining hands in complete confidence, with the courage and the resolution of the one giving new courage and new resolution to the other.

"We saw the confident expectations of the Axis Powers foiled, and betrayed. We were told that the German might was to be launched in irresistible attack on this island; the war was to be finished by a lightning stab at the heart of resistance, and Italy was to walk through Egypt, and, no doubt, occupy Greece; and by that pincer movement to complete the domination of the Eastern Mediterranean, and sever the main artery of the British Empire in the Suez Canal.

"Well, these things have not happened, and the attempts to do them have been expensive. The destruction of the Italian Army in Libya is surely going to rank through all history as one of the outstanding feats of arms. And all these things have echoed round the world, so that everywhere bowed heads are being raised again, and old hopes that had died are being reborn, driving out despair."

SOBER CONFIDENCE

"Let us not," he said, "attempt to exaggerate the value, great as it is, of the more favourable strategic situation which has been created.

"None of us are under any illusions as to the strength of our principal enemy, or of the necessity under which we may suppose Hitler lies of striking heavy blows and taking great risks to try to reach an early decision. None the less, with the legend of Axis invincibility broken, I think we may look forward with sober confidence to what lies before us, and we know that we have three things that are necessary for victory in such a struggle—we have a good cause, we have increasing material strength with which to support it, and, we hope, people with a spirit not unworthy of it." (Cheers.)

Observing that of the spirit of their people it was hardly necessary to speak, Lord Halifax went on: "If the Germans thought to break that spirit by the diversion of their attacks on military targets to the wanton and senseless destruction of residential and business properties in our great cities, or on churches or hospitals, or even by striking at the heart of the Empire in the City of London, they made as great a miscalculation as did the Japanese if they thought to intimidate the United States by their adherence to the Tripartite Pact. It would only seem to show how greatly at fault is the German psychology when it attempts to appreciate any mentality but its own.

"There is, indeed, no hope for human civilisation unless the foundations of its life, now challenged, can be secured."

PETROL SHOCK FOR CAR OWNERS

New Government Order

UNIT VALUE NOW QUARTER GALLON

OWNERS of eight horse-power cars who are not engaged in "essential or national services" will have to run their cars on two gallons of petrol a month, under the latest Order made by the Government.

According to an official statement made last night, the petrol distributing companies have been authorised to resume deliveries of petrol as from to-day. Owing to the limited supplies at present available, says the statement, the deliveries must be restricted, at least until the end of this month.

SMALLER UNIT VALUE

An Order has been made by the Minister for Supplies reducing the value of the unit of each coupon to one-quarter of a gallon. This reduction applies to coupons of all kinds whether overprinted or not, and has the effect of withdrawing the special extra allowances of fifty per cent. which has been granted for private motor cars for some time past. Garage owners will, therefore, receive only a quarter of a gallon per unit in respect of all coupons surrendered to the distributing companies on and after to-day.

Continuing, the statement says:—"Under this arrangement it may be necessary to grant additional supplementary licences to certain motor vehicle owners. Any concession in this direction can, however, be granted only to persons engaged on national and essential services—that is to say, services which are regarded as essential to the community and which must be maintained.

FIXED PRICES

"It is regretted that, for the time being, applications from any other persons cannot be considered. Applications should be made direct to the Department of Supplies, Earlsfort terrace, Dublin, on the usual form, with a statement showing the quantity of petrol held in stock at the date of the application.

"Many complaints have reached the Department of Supplies that garage-owners have recently been charging higher than the recognised prices for petrol. The Minister for Supplies has now made an Order fixing the price in the Dublin zone at 2s. 2d. per gallon, and 2s. 3d. per gallon in other parts of the country. It is, therefore, an offence against the Emergency Powers Act to charge prices in excess of these. Motorists are urged to refuse to pay any higher price, and to report to the Department of Supplies any breach of the Order which comes under their notice."

GARAGE OWNERS HIT

Garage owners last night received the news of the reduction in the exchange value of the coupon with consternation, and the manager of one of the largest premises in the city said that it was going "to shut down the whole trade." Last week the garages received deliveries of two hundred gallons from their several distributors. Some garages deal with only one firm, and got 200 gallons; others, dealing with two or three distributors, got 400 or 600 gallons. In spite of that, however, the supply of petrol available for distribution was exhausted after only a day or so. The garages were expecting that a similar amount of petrol would be available this week.

The reduction in the size of each unit will enable garage proprietors to take in more coupons and to satisfy casual customers as well as those who deal regularly with them.

THE CAR OWNER

The new Order has given rise to a good deal of indignation among private car owners who had taxed their cars for the current quarter when supplies showed signs of being steady last week. They now feel that the money spent on the tax is wasted, as the cars can be used only for a quarter of the time.

The effect of the new Order on business cannot be estimated at the moment, as no information was available last night as to which services would come under the head of "essential services." A continuance of the new position is likely to have serious effects on employment in the garages. As a number of people cannot use their cars owing to the scarcity of petrol there is a decline in the amount of repair work, and in one garage twenty employés already are under notice.

FEWER COURT SITTINGS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Thursday.

At to-day's sitting of the Carrigaline District Court District Justice O'Sullivan announced that, owing to the scarcity of petrol and the impossibility of getting adequate supplies to attend all his courts, he would be obliged to reduce the number of sittings.

While the present situation lasted he proposed to hold only one instead of two monthly sittings at Carrigaline, he would transfer the civil business at Macroom to one of the summary sittings there, and he might have to hold bi-monthly courts only in those areas where the business was light.

COUNTY COUNCIL'S APPEAL

At the Cork County Council to-day, when Mr. T. J. Murphy, T.D., complained that it was impossible to get petrol to work road and quarry machinery in West Cork, with the result that men were being thrown out of work, he asked the Council to appeal to the Ministry to designate this work an essential service, so that supplies may be obtained.

"It is not our job to point out possible economies to the Minister," he added, "but I think we all have our eyes open."

Mr. Fogarty, acting County Surveyor, said it had been impossible to get petrol for their mobile plant in West Cork. They had to knock off one machine, and he did not know how many others he would have to knock off unless petrol were forthcoming. The Department of Supplies had informed him that the requirements of each local authority would have to be investigated separately.

The Chairman (Mr. W. J. Broderick, T.D.) said it meant that a regulation of the Ministry of Supplies was depriving people of work. That was a very serious matter.

Mr. Murphy. T[illegible] Our trains are travelling empty, while buses are crowded on the roads running parallel to them.

AMBULANCES HELD UP

Mr. M. Sheehy—I have seen some ambulances held up, and doctors held up, too, in West Cork for lack of petrol.

The Chairman said it was a scandal that the transport of the sick should be interfered with.

It was agreed to adopt Mr. Murphy's resolution and to make representation to the Ministry of Supplies that a regulation should not be allowed to stand in the way where there were men idle through the petrol shortage; also that ambulances should be supplied with petrol.

BRITISH STEAMER REPORTED TORPEDOED

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Mackay Radio announces it has picked up an SOS from the British steamer Bassano, stating she was torpedoed at a point 57.24 north and 18.40 west, at 5.19 p.m., B.S.T., to-day.—(Press Association.)

"OF GERMAN ORIGIN"

BOMBS DROPPED ON DUBLIN

An official statement last evening from the Department of Defence says:—

"The bombs which were dropped at Rathdown Park, Dublin, on the night of January 1st-2nd, and at Donore terrace, Dublin, on the night of January 2nd-3rd, have now been identified as of German origin."

SWEDISH NEWSPAPER REPORT AND EIRE.

According to the Press Association, the Berlin wireless quoted, on Wednesday night, an article from the Swedish newspaper "Dagens Nyheter," referring to "a British plan to invade Eire, to be carried out from Ulster in a few weeks." The article went on to say that "in such an event, Berlin is determined to react in the same manner as in the case of Norway and Belgium."

MR. HOPKINS ARRIVES IN AIR RAID

GREETED BY BOOMING OF A.-A. GUNS

Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal temporary representative in Britain, arrived in London last night during the air raid. Guns were booming as he left the train at one of London's main stations.

He smiled when asked if he had enjoyed his trip and how he felt. "I feel fine," he said, "but I cannot say anything about my visit to-night."

The platform on which he arrived was barricaded and guarded, and no members of the public saw him. Apart from the officials there were only a few newspaper men to welcome him.

Mr. Hopkins was met by Mr. Herschel Johnson, of the American Embassy; a British Foreign official, and a British naval officer of high rank. Several other Government officials were also present.

On alighting from the train Mr. Hopkins was guided through the darkness of the station into a floodlit room. Later he was driven away by car.

Mr. Harry Hopkins, who is 50 and the son of a saddler, has been a close friend of the President for more than ten years. He first became President Roosevelt's lieutenant when Mr. Roosevelt was Governor of New York State.

FROM "THE TIMES"

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.)

NOT SO FEW

In a leading article to-day *The Times* says: The formation of an Air Training Corps, particulars of which are made public this morning, ranks among the greatest of the measures designed and destined to secure air supremacy. It should be considered with, for example, the creation of the Empire Air Training Scheme in Canada, the organisation of vast supplies of aircraft and other munitions from the Dominions, and from the United States, and the production and expansion of our own aircraft industry, and particularly that part of it concerned with new types. The new Air Training Corps will ensure that these islands can continue to make the contribution to air strength in pilots, air crews, and technical staffs which has always been preponderant, though obscured by the publicity rightly given to the contribution of others.

There is a clear case for organising this contribution on new lines. The requirements of the R.A.F. are enormous, and it remains a purely voluntary and highly speculative force. There is no need to press men to join, but of the great number who wish to join only a small proportion are found suitable. It is not fussiness to insist on high physical and educational standards. The possession of these things is essential in so trying and so technical a profession, and their possession by the R.A.F. is one reason, apart from the system of training, for the men's superiority over the enemy, which has atoned for numerical inferiority and saved this country last autumn. Nor is it sufficient to have men of the right stamp serving with the squadrons. There must be a substantial pool to make casualties and wastage good. The pool cannot be filled by volunteers among the older age groups. With rare exceptions, flying is a young man's job—particularly battle flying. The chain of stages between the ground man and the fully-fledged airman must be staffed—or even stuffed—at every link continuously with every man that can be handled. For the objective is nothing less than air supremacy; and this is so indispensable to victory that both requirements and the means to meet them must be considered on unprecedented lines. It seems absurd, for example, that any young man should be prevented from joining the R.A.F. because he happens to belong to a reserved occupation. In every case such men should be released, if they desire it, from civilian service. But, apart from supplementary measures of this kind, it is clear that the main reservoir of the R.A.F. must be among those who desire to choose it as their first profession.

The process of tapping this younger strata secures two results—the first being a bigger flow and the second a better flow, since by the time the boy reaches the age of entry into the R.A.F. he will have had a thorough grounding—or airing—in the R.A.F. duties, and his post-entry training can be quicker. . .

The scheme, concludes *The Times*, should result in a new edition of the Prime Minister's famous words—"Never in the history of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few." For the few will become not so few after all.

"MY HEART GOES OUT TO FRANCE"

MR. ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE TO PETAIN

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

The State Department to-day made public President Roosevelt's new year message to Marshal Pétain, in which the President said: "My heart goes out to France in these days of her travail, and I pray that the French people may soon enjoy the blessings of peace with liberty, equality and fraternity."

ENVOY AT VICHY

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Thursday.

Admiral Leahy, the newly-appointed United States Ambassador to France, had half-an-hour's conversation with Marshal Pétain this afternoon, according to a Vichy report received *via* Geneva.

U.S. BILL TO AID BRITAIN TO-DAY

Democrats Confer with President

HUGE SECURITIES DEAL PLANNED

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT summoned Democratic leaders in the Senate and House of Representatives to a conference this afternoon on legislation to give him virtually unlimited authority to lend and lease war material to Britain and other nations warring against the Axis, a Reuter telegram from Washington stated last night.

"LEND AND LEASE"

It is believed that the meeting has paved the way for the introduction of a bill in Congress to-morrow. One high authority said the measure makes possible future appropriations in any amount which Congress may vote, delegating to the Government full responsibility for handling "lend-and-lease" aid to the democracies. No top limit is imposed.

A member of the Administration told the Press: "We are working hard on plans for releasing aeroplanes for Greece. We hope to do something soon."

An Associated Press message last night stated that the Democratic leaders announced after their conference at the White House that the Administration Bill authorising the lease-loan programme of aid to Britain would be introduced in both Houses of Congress to-day. The lease-loan scheme would also apply to other nations fighting the Axis Powers.

Senator Alban Barkley, Senate Majority leader, speaking for a group of fifteen Cabinet Congress and Defence officials who inspected the final draft with the President, said he would offer the bill in the Senate at noon on Friday, and it would be introduced in the House of Representatives at the same time.

PROPOSED DEAL IN BRITISH SECURITIES

TOTAL OF £150,000,000 INVOLVED

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

A group of leading investment trusts, headed by the Tri-Continental Corporation, has submitted to the Treasury and to the Securities and Exchange Commission for approval a tentative plan for the joint purchase of $600,000,000 (£150,000,000) worth of British-owned American securities.

The terms and conditions have not yet been worked out, but progress is being made on the plan, according to officials. If the scheme is consummated it would be the largest single non-Governmental securities transaction in the history of the United States.

The trusts would hold the securities until able to dispose of them profitably.

STRONGER DEFENCE MOVES

ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, announced to-day the consolidation of the United States Army commands at the Panama Canal and in the Caribbean area to strengthen the Western Hemisphere defences.

Mr. Stimson said that the Panama Canal and Porto Rican Departments and the new Trinidad base Commands would be unified under the Canal Zone Chief, Lieutenant-General Daniel Von Voorhis, for greater efficiency, and especially to effect centralised control of air defences and forces.

SHORTAGE OF NAVAL PILOTS

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

Commercial air lines and aircraft factories in the United States must be warned that the Army and Navy may have to call their pilots who are naval reservists to active duty by June 30, Rear-Admiral Towers, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, told a Congressional Committee to-day.

Admiral Towers made this disclosure during a prolonged discussion on the shortage of naval pilots and training methods.

THE "CRISIS" FLEET

WASHINGTON PAPER'S STATEMENT

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

The "crisis" fleet of 200 merchant ships ordered last week by President Roosevelt will be used on "emergency routes," says to-day's *Washington Post*.

The paper adds that this definition could include the use of the ships to carry war supplies to Britain or the taking over of British routes in the Pacific. The ships could also be used to ferry men to Europe if the United States became involved in the war.

The paper declares that the ships will not come under the ban forbidding United States vessels to sail on any but American routes.

President Roosevelt announced on Friday last that steps were being taken to begin building 200 merchant ships of some 7,500 tons each.

LATE NEWS

R.A.F. RAID ON GERMANY

ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BERLIN, Friday.

Authorised sources said early to-day that the British Air Force had attempted a large-scale raid on unidentified industrial and supply centres last night.

These sources claimed that the raiders' efforts had been frustrated by the German anti-aircraft forces and by employing all means of defence, including barrage balloons. The greater number of the raiders, it was claimed, failed to reach their goals. Bombs fell on open country in the Western frontier districts.

It was admitted that a few 'planes succeeded in breaking through the defences and dropped explosives in an industrial region, without, it was claimed, inflictng damage on war essential objects. Flats and one school were said to have been destroyed.

It was claimed that one British 'plane had been shot down by night fighters.

4 ITALIAN 'PLANES DOWN

"TIMES" TELEGRAM.

MALTA, Thursday.

Four Italian aircraft were brought down in a raid on Malta this morning. The pilot of one of them was saved by a trawler. Reports recently broadcast from Rome of the successful bombing of Malta by the Italian Air Force are quite untrue.—(Copyright, per Press Association.)

R.A.F. BOMB MANY LIBYAN BASES

Pressure on Tobruk Grows Hourly

REPORTED RISING IN ABYSSINIA

WHILE pressure was maintained on Tobruk yesterday and the Royal Air Force hit at Italian bases, convoys and airfields with a number of attacks, there came the first report of a rising in Abyssinia and of the re-capture of an outpost on the Sudan frontier by a British patrol, says the Press Association.

The Abyssinian rising was mentioned in a communiqué from Cairo, which stated that patriots, encouraged by the Royal Air Force, had driven the Italians from the post of Gubba, which is just over twenty miles inside Abyssinia, and was heavily raided on the last day of the old year by British airmen.

The same communiqué mentions that on the Sudan frontier an Italian post north-east of Kassala had been taken.

Meanwhile, mechanised units have penetrated to the west of Tobruk, the fate of which is regarded with confidence in London.

CONFIDENCE IN LONDON

Military experts in London await the outcome of the operations around Tobruk with supreme confidence, states a Press Association military correspondent. The absence of official news suggests that General Wavell is employing surprise tactics similar to those that brought about the fall of Bardia. The closing from the west of all the approaches and exits of the town indicate an enveloping movement that will keep the defenders in a continuous state of uncertainty as to when and where the main attack will be delivered.

It is suggested in military circles, says the Press Association, that Marshal Graziani, having forfeited very great quantities of war material in the retreat from Sidi Barani, has been unable to prevent the encirclement of Tobruk, but is now relying on whatever defences in men and material remain to the westward.

The full strength of the garrison at Tobruk is not known. Reports are that the defences are larger and on a broader scale than those of Bardia, though they are believed to have been hurriedly and somewhat ineffectually prepared.

The Rome Radio continues to broadcast reasons for Marshal Graziani's defeat at Bardia, stressing the "enormous strength" of the British Army in the Middle East.

GENERAL DEFENDED

General Berganzoli, missing Commander of the Bardia garrison, was vigorously defended by the Rome Radio commentator yesterday says the Press Association.

"This is unforgivable," he said. "General Bergonzoli is among the bravest men in the Italian Army. He has been wounded half-a-dozen times and has earned the admiration of all by his extraordinary daring. If he and his immediate officers are missing they are either dead or have preferred to risk their lives in an attempt to fight again."

Yesterday's *communiqué* from G.H.Q., Cairo, said:—

LIBYA.—While preparations for the reduction of Tobruk are preceeding our mechanised forces are now operating west of the town. As a result of our patrol activity on the Sudan frontier the enemy post north-east of Kassala has been evacuated and occupied by our own troops.

ABYSSINIA.—Patriots, encouraged by support from the R.A.F., have compelled the Italians to evacuate the post of Gubba. The patriots are now closing round the fleeing Italian garrison.

KENYA.—Nothing of importance to report.

AIR BASES BOMBED

The *communiqué* from H.Q., R.A.F., Middle East, yesterday, recording that El Gazala, Martuba, Tmimi, Benina, Benghasi and Tobruk were raided, said that at Martuba aircraft carried out low-flying attacks on eleven S.79's, which were set on fire and others badly damaged. Two S.79's on the ground at Gazala were also attacked, one of them being severely damaged, and the other was seen to be already unserviceable. At Benina about 100 aircraft on the ground were heavily bombed. Several of them were destroyed, and others badly damaged. Seven S.79's on the Tmimi landing ground were seen to be burnt out. A particularly heavy raid was made on Benghasi, during which four or five ships received direct hits, and a number of fires were started in warehouses.

A further bombing attack was made on the Tobruk defences and other military objectives. Convoys north-west of Rabub were attacked both by bombers and fighters, and considerable damage caused.

On the night of January 6-7 and January 7-8 Massawa (Eritrea) was raided. The power station and submarine base were selected for special attack. A number of high explosive bombs fell on the submarine base, starting a fire.

From all operations covering the period under review all British aircraft returned safely.

POST EVACUATED

The communiqué from Cairo, stating that the Italians have been forced to abandon the post of Gubba, represents the first official news and recognition of the fact that revolt is growing in Abyssinia, writes the Press Association Military Correspondent.

For several months reports have been filtering through of rebellion in that country, but this is the first tangible sign of the revolt. The fall of Gubba, which is 20 miles from the Sudan frontier and the Nile, is bound to bring fresh recruits to the number of active patriots, as they are described, and whose guerrilla tactics are harassing the Italians more than they care to admit.

The part played by the R.A.F., in helping the patriots to drive out the Italians from the post, is probably symptomatic of more important news to come from that country, says the correspondent. Since June the R.A.F. have been active over Italian military objectives in Abyssinia, raiding such places as Massawa—a naval base—Assab, Buyre, and other places.

Gubba was subjected to a particularly heavy raid on the last day of the year, and this, no doubt, paved the way for the patriots success. The South Africa Air Force has been constantly active over Abyssinia.

FRENCH TROOPS

The two battalions of French troops, who took part in the operations against Bardia, were among the first to reach the road cutting off the Italian retreat to Tobruk, according to news received in well-informed French quarters, says the Press Association.

The Frenchmen repulsed one attempt at escape, and captured a large number of prisoners, supplies and war material.

King George's reference to their participation in the operations in his despatch of congratulations to General Wavell, after the fall of Sidi Barrani, was read to the men by their commanding officer, and was loudly cheered.

Many of the Spahis, the famous French Colonial cavalry, had, on the collapse of France, ridden all the way from Syria to join the British forces. The French troops who took part in the capture of Bardia have been mentioned in general orders of De Gaulle's army.

MOSCOW COMMENT

Staff work and good co-operation between land, sea and air forces were the main reasons for the rapid capture of Bardia, according to the Moscow newspaper, *Red Fleet*.

The British successes along the Libyan coast, the paper adds, may possibly force the Italian High Command to withdraw the Italian fifth Army, which is now at the Giarabub oasis, to the west in order to cover such vital bases as Derna and Benghazi.

The oasis of Giarabub lies some 175 miles south south-east of Tobruk.

The Press Association states that a British Admiralty communiqué disclosed that the casualties in the Aphis, caused by a near miss, were all that occurred in the naval operations off Bardia. Two ratings were killed, a petty officer died of wounds and two seamen were wounded.

The Aphis is a river gunboat of 625 tons, carrying two 6-inch, one 3-inch A.A. and ten smaller guns. The normal complement of a boat of this type is between 54 and 65.

The French submarine Narval was sunk during recent operations with the Allied forces, it was announced in a communiqué from the Headquarters of the Free French Forces last night.

14 FASCIST LEADERS REMOVED

Fourteen regional heads of the Fascist Party have been removed from office, according to a Rome report quoted by the Swiss radio, says the Press Association. Their successors have already been appointed.

Italian circles are without confirmation of reports that General Berganzoli succeeded in escaping from Bardia, says a Rome report, also quoted by the Swiss radio.

ITALIAN ATTACK REPULSED

ALBANIAN ACTION LOSSES

From a P.A. Special Correspondent on the Albanian Frontier, Thursday:—

A vigorous Italian attack south-west of Moskopolis, some twenty miles from the Yugoslav frontier, was repulsed by the Greeks to-day.

The attackers are reported to have suffered heavy losses. Fighting further north was restricted to artillery duels and patrol skirmishes, one of which occurred near Urdurishde on the shores of Lake Ochrida. Heavy rain fell this afternoon but gunfire continued

AT BAYONET POINT

Last night's Greek war *communiqué* states:—

"During local engagements to-day important heights were occupied at the bayonet point. About 200 prisoners fell into our hands, as well as much material, including twenty 81-millimetre mortars."

The Ministry of Home Security in Athens reported that there were no air raids on Greece yesterday.

IRISH LIGHTS STEAMER BOMBED

The Royal National Life-Boat Institution has made awards of over £18 to its crew at Kilmore, Co. Wexford, which went out to a ship reported on fire.

An aeroplane could be seen overhead and the bursting of bombs could be heard. The ship was found to be an Irish Lights steamer.

SUBMARINE NARVAL SUNK

The following *communiqué* is issued by the headquarters of General de Gaulle's forces:—

"The Vice-Admiral commanding the naval forces regrets to announce the loss of the submarine Narval, sunk by enemy action during recent operations with the Allied forces.

"The Narval was one of the finest units of our naval forces. Her displacement was 1,100 tons surface and 1,400 tons submerged, length 257½ feet, width 23 feet.

"The Narval, which could dive in thirty seconds, was armed with ten torpedo tubes of 21.7 inches, one 3.9 gun, and two machine-guns. Her range was 7,000 miles. She was commanded by a Capitaine de Corvette, with a staff of five officers and a complement of forty-four men. The next-of-kin of casualties have been informed.

"The Narval was the first unit of the French Navy to rally to General de Gaulle. She distinguished herself recently in the course of difficult operations."

ITALIAN ATTACK ON MALTA AERODROME

ROME, Thursday.

Italian 'plane formations this morning attacked a Malta aerodrome, according to a Stefani despatch.

"Our 'planes fired incendiary bullets from machine-guns at the enemy machines on the ground, inflicting considerable losses," it continues.

"Having accomplished their mission, our 'planes returned without loss, and *en route* engaged enemy fighters, one of which was hit several times and fell into the sea."

SUPPLIES BY SEA

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

VICHY, Thursday.

After a long interval a neutral ship, chartered by the Swiss Government to carry goods destined for Switzerland, arrived to-day at Genoa with a cargo of fodder and coal.

Several other ships are already at sea. After discharging their cargoes they will leave again with Swiss export goods.

SIAMESE-FRENCH BATTLES

MARTIAL LAW IN INDO-CHINA

HEAVY BOMBING RAIDS ON BORDER

PRESS ASSOCIATION.

SINGAPORE, Thursday.

WHILE sharp skirmishes continue on the frontier between Thailand (Siam) and French Indo-China, martial law has been proclaimed in 24 provinces of Indo-China, according to information received here.

A *communiqué* issued by the Thai Consulate here states:—"With the object of preserving peace and order within Thailand, the Police Department on Monday issued an order calling upon all Frenchmen, with the exception of diplomatic and Consular officials and a few others, to deliver up all arms and ammunition in their possession, and restricting their places of residence to Bangkok and Dhonburi."

Additional details of the frontier fighting are given in a further *communiqué* from the Thai Consulate here. "Thai aircraft," it states, "bombed French transport on the Sisophon road on Monday, killing many troops and dispersing the rest. About twenty miles of the road within Indo-China is now in possession of the Thailand forces. Pailin, in Indo-China, was also bombed by Thai 'planes, damage being done to the telephone and telegraph stations and the barracks."

RAID BY FRENCH

PRESS ASSOCIATION TELEGRAM.

VICHY, Thursday.

A Siamese detachment has been routed by Indo-Chinese Frontier Guards at Ampil, some twelve miles north-east of Poipet, a Havas Agency message from Hanoi claims to-day. The Siamese are said to have left seven rifles behind in their flight. French aircraft have bombed Aranya and Kemmasan, the despatch says, as a reprisal for raids by Siamese 'planes on Donghene and Sisophon. Four people, including a woman, were killed at Sisophon, where fifteen bombs were dropped.

"FRENCH IN RETREAT"

PRESS ASSOCIATION TELEGRAM.

BANGKOK, Thursday.

The Thai (Siamese) Army is advancing steadily into Cambodia, most westerly of the provinces of French Indo-China, according to the latest Thai High Command *communiqué*. Fighting is now on a scale greatly in excess of the recent frontier skirmishing.

Ninety Thai aircraft supporting the land forces have carried out intensive raids covering almost the whole of Cambodia. The French, says the *communiqué*, have abandoned their lines of defence and withdrawn far into the interior.

TOWN FIRED

One of the heaviest attacks was made on the town of Sisophon, some twenty miles from the frontier, a large part of which is said to have been set ablaze. The raiders encountered heavy fire from the French anti-aircraft defences. The Siamese, who crossed the frontier near Aryanya Prades, the terminus of the railway from Bangkok, claim to have gained control of almost the entire length of the highway to Sisophon.

A French sergeant and a Moroccan soldier are said to have been taken prisoner. Aryanya Prades and other towns in Thailand have been bombed by French aircraft. Further east, heavy artillery duels are reported to have taken place across the Mekong River, which formed the frontier for several hundred miles. A Thai *communiqué* claims that oil tanks at Thaket, on the French side, were set on fire.

The dispute between Thailand and French Indo-China has been dragging on since the summer, when the Thai Government demanded a substantial rectification of the frontier. Its claims are reported to have included territory west of the Mekong River, comprising most of Cambodia.

FRENCH ADMISSION

HANOI, Thursday.

The French admitted to-day that their forces had withdrawn from five to ten miles along the Cambodia-Thai border, as Thai patrols pressed combined attacks on two main fronts, one 190 miles long and the other 95 miles long. The French troops were withdrawing to previously-prepared lines of defence, the French said.—(Associated Press.)

LORD MANSFIELD'S ADVICE

The Earl of Mansfield when he addressed the Perth Rotary Club yesterday, said: "Don't think that Russia is a friend of democracy. She is not. She does not understand the word and will never seek to help us out of our difficulties unless for her own purposes.

"The understanding between Germany and Russia is a very close one. although each would cheerfully do the other down if they got the chance Don't trust Russia, and I hope our present Foreign Secretary, who has been almost sympathetic to her, will not go too far in his courting of her, because I do not think much use can come of it."

A PLEASURE TO SEE HIM OFF

LORD HALIFAX'S STORY

Viscount Halifax, the new British Ambassador to the United States, told the Pilgrims yesterday that, when he left India after his terms as Viceroy, he thanked the stationmaster at Delhi for what he had done for his comfort.

The stationmaster's reply was: "You have nothing at all, Your Excellency, for which to thank me. It has always been a great pleasure to see you off." (Laughter.)

"I have no doubt at all," added Lord Halifax, "that the Pilgrims now wish me God-speed in a spirit not less kindly than that."

BOMBS THROWN AT EMIR

GERMAN WIRELESS REPORT

An attempt against the Emir Abdullah of Transjordania was reported by the German wireless yesterday, which quoted Italian newspapers. Unknown men, presumably Arab rebels, threw hand grenades at him as he was returning from a hunting party, said the announcer. The Emir was slightly injured, and some of his companions were slightly injured also. The assailants escaped.—Associated Press.

THE NEW LOAF

VERY LITTLE CHANGE IN QUALITY OR APPEARANCE

Expert opinion on the 80 per cent. Wheat Milling Order is that the loaf will not be less nutritious and will be but slightly affected in appearance

There will be no change for some days in the product of the baking industry. The millers are endeavouring to ascertain what best can be done with the existing stock of wheat in order that it may be so distributed as to extend over the period during which a shortage is likely.

R.A.F. RAIDS ON SEA BASES

Dockyards Bombed For Seven Hours

FIRES SEEN 50 MILES AWAY

"MOONLIGHT and clear weather enabled aircraft of the Bomber Command to identify clearly two of Germany's naval bases and the shipyards in which a large number of her warships and submarines are built," the British Air Ministry News Service stated last night.

HEAVY GUNFIRE

"Wilhelmshaven and Emden were the chief objectives, and the vigour with which they were defended showed the importance which the Germans attach to these ports. At Emden there was a box barrage of intense anti-aircraft fire, and at Wilhelmshaven guns were firing from all quarters of the town for many hours. When our aircraft were held by searchlights the barrage increased until, as one pilot put it, the sky appeared to be filled with flashes of fire as the shells burst all round his aircraft.

"One or two of our bombers sustained minor damage, but none was driven from their targets. Over Wilhelmshaven, for example, the front turret of a heavy bomber was hit and a splinter went through the windscreen and scratched the navigator, but the bomber attacked the Marienwerft, and started fires there.

MANY FIRES

"The raids on Wilhelmshaven began not long after 8 o'clock, and the last of our pilots did not leave until just before three in the morning. For several hours the moon shone brightly, and there was no cloud or even any ground haze. As they came over the Dutch coast our pilots could see the frozen sea far below them, and the Zuider Zee a sheet of ice. At Wilhelmshaven itself one pilot mentioned that snow extending without a break over land and frozen water made it difficult to see the shore, and so to find the target, but for the most part the weather did nothing to protect the dockyards. Late in the night clouds began to gather, but there was always enough clear sky for our bombers to take their aim.

"Some of our aircraft attacked the Bauhafen, a large square harbour joined by a canal to the sea. On each side of it there are slips, dry docks, and submarine and shipbuilding yards. The great naval dockyard and marine werft is almost beside the harbour. Bombs burst all around this harbour, and there were many fires, both large and small, along each of its banks. Just at the west of the harbour 'a fifty-mile fire,' as a pilot called it, meaning that he could see it from 50 miles away, was seen by the crews of several aircraft. Later in the night there was a fire in the southern corner of the harbour, which was even larger.

AT EMDEN

"Emden, the importance of which as a naval base has revived in recent years, was first attacked soon after eight o'clock, and at intervals until the early hours of the morning. The skies were clear throughout this period, and visibility was exceptionally good. Docks and shipbuilding yards, and especially the Binnenhafen and the Industriehafen, were successfully raided, and our pilots were able to make a satisfactory catalogue of large fires. The Island of Borkum lies opposite Emden Harbour, and some of our bombers found time to raid its aerodromes. In the moonlight the barracks and hangars were silhouetted against the ground, and our pilots made sure that their bombs fell both on and immediately beside them.

"In the course of the night operations, aircraft of the Bomber Command also dropped bombs from a low level on enemy supply ships and anti-aircraft ships, and one came down to well below a thousand feet to bomb a large bridge over a railway line south of Essen, and to machine-gun a convoy of lorries in the same district."

OFFICIAL REPORT

The Air Ministry *communiqué* was as follows:—

"On Wednesday night aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked the naval dockyards at Wilhelmshaven and Emden.

"At Wilhelmshaven many explosions were observed, and these were followed by large fires. More than twentyfires swere started in the docks at Emden.

"Other aircraft bombed an enemy aerodrome on the Island of Borkum, where barracks were hit and a fire broke out. None of our aircraft is missing."

DOMINION STATUS

INDIAN PUBLICIST'S REQUEST

ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

According to the *Hindu*, the Madras Congress newspaper, a number of prominent Indian publicists belonging to political groups other than the All-India Congress Party are to issue a public statement calling on the British Government to act quickly, before it is too late, and satisfy India's aspirations for independence.

The statement, says the *Hindu*, will ask the Government to grant Dominion status of the Statute of Westminster variety after the war, and meanwhile to take such steps as will show that Britain's intentions in this respect are sincere. This statement will be a reply to the recent appeal of British members of Parliament calling on the Indian people to resolve their domestic differences.

CHILDREN SOUGHT IN DERRY FIRE

HAD BEEN TAKEN TO SAFETY

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

LONDONDERRY, Thursday Night.

Sergeant Montgomery, R.U.C., and firemen risked their lives in a burning building in Londonderry to-night in search of a number of children who were reported to be trapped in the flames when fire broke out at the residence of Mr. Patrick Ward, of 251 Bishop street.

After one of the firemen, Robert Heatley, had sustained a severe injury to an arm, and some others had been almost overcome by the fumes, it was discovered that the children had already been removed to safety. The house was virtually destroyed. Heatley received treatment in the City Hospital. Sergeant Montgomery, with a wet bag over his head, ran into the building from the rear, and was almost lost in the flames when the firemen arrived to assist him.

Insurance at low rates with Phœnix Assurance Co., Ltd., 10-12 Trinity street, Dublin. R. H. Bolton, Manager. Agents everywhere. —(Advt.)

POPE'S PRAYER FOR JOYFUL PEACE

Receiving members of the Roman nobility, the Pope has declared that his prayers and wishes in the new year were for lasting peace—a peace that would bring joy to the nations and call back a smile to every countenance, states the Vatican radio.

He spoke of the high esteem in which he had always held the Roman nobility, who continued to give the Holy See their unswerving support.

AIR TRAINING CORPS

NEW BRITISH SCHEME

"A BROAD WAY INTO THE R.A.F."

A PRE-ENTRY training scheme for the Royal Air Force, comprising the establishment of an Air Training Corps, special educational facilities, the formation of University air squadrons, and short University courses for air crew candidates, was announced yesterday by the British Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, who described the scheme as "a broad way into the R.A.F."

It is the first service movement of its kind organised on a nation-wide basis, and the new Corps, which will be constituted as from February 1, will consist not only of University squadrons, but of squadrons and flights formed at schools, and units organised locally.

GROWING DEMAND

The Corps is being formed to meet the growing demand of the R.A.F. for pilots and air crews from the home country, and it will also ensure an adequate flow for the technical trades. It is estimated that there are in the country about 700,000 boys between the ages of 16 and 18, to whom the scheme will be open.

The success of the scheme will depend largely on suitable officers coming forward to command and instruct units, and it is hoped that a sufficient number of men with previous Air Force or other service experience and professional men in reserved occupations, including schoolmasters, will volunteer. Liaison will be established between units of the A.T.C. and neighbouring R.A.F. stations and Royal Naval air stations. It is not the intention that the A.T.C. should supersede in any way the organisations already engaged in giving pre-entry training for the other services.

NEW SQUADRONS

Air squadrons at Oxford and Cambridge Universities were re-formed last term, and squadrons are now to be formed at Aberdeen, Aberystwyth, Belfast, Durham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and St. Andrews. Membership of school units will not be confined to boys of the school. School authorities will have discretion to take into the units not only old boys of the school, but also residents in the locality. Similarly, units organised on a local basis will have discretion to incorporate boys from a local school. Although the scheme applies mainly to boys of 16 and over, boys under that age will be allowed to participate in training if they can be accommodated without detriment to the work of the others.

It was pointed out by Sir Archibald Sinclair that there were two very high hurdles—the physical test and the educational test. These were so exacting that the R.A.F. was really the *corps d'elite*. There was to be no red-tape and no undue officialdom.

THE DIRECTOR

The post of Director of Pre-Entry Training has been created, and will be filled for six months by Mr. G. F. Wolfenden, who, at the request of the Air Council, has been released from his position as Headmaster of Uppingham School. When he became Headmaster of Uppingham in 1933 at the age of 27 he was the youngest head of any great public school. Mr. Wolfenden will be responsible to Air-Marshal A. G. R. Garrod, the Air Member for Training on the Air Council.

NIGHT RAIDS ON BRITAIN

LONDON AND PROVINCES ATTACKED

PRESS ASSOCIATION TELEGRAM.

LONDON, Thursday.

For the first time in four nights 'planes and anti-aircraft guns were heard in the London area to-night. The "alert" came fairly early, after dark.

The raiders were kept at a high altitude by the intense barrage, which was aided by searchlights. Bombs fell in two districts. There were some casualties when a high-explosive bomb fell in a street.

Many incendiaries in one London area were dealt with so promptly and effectively that no fires were caused.

Two people were killed in a street in the London area when an anti-aircraft shell exploded. There was no serious damage to property.

ONLY SLIGHT DAY RAIDS

The British Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security *communiqué* last night stated:

"Shortly before dawn this morning a single enemy aircraft dropped bombs in Kent. No one was hurt, and no damage was done.

"During daylight there has been some slight activity over this country, mostly near the East and South-East Coasts, but no report of bombing has been received from any area."

Raiding aircraft were reported over Northern Ireland during the day. No bombs were dropped.

THE PROVINCES

Raiding 'planes were in the vicinity of two East Anglian towns and of Liverpool, and a town in North-West England to-night. The raids followed a day of comparative quiet, in which the only activity reported was over an East Anglian town, where a raider was chased by British fighters. No bombs were dropped.

When a West Midlands town to-night had its first raid for eight days, a number of 'planes flew over and dropped some bombs.

Five houses were destroyed by high explosive bombs in a country district near a North Midlands town.

While several raiding 'planes were over a South England area to-night, a vivid white flash was seen in the sky, and the sound of a terrific explosion followed. The concussion shook houses ten miles away.

'Planes were believed to be in the vicinity of a town in South Wales, and of a town in the west of England.

One raider over a West Midland town dropped its load into the gardens of houses in a residential district, causing six casualties, none of them fatal.

Incendiaries were scattered over one district of a town in the North-West, but no fires were started.

Five persons, so far, have died from injuries due to bombs falling on council houses in a town in the Home Counties to-night.

Several houses were destroyed and many others considerably damaged. A number of other persons received attention at a first-aid post before being removed to hospital.

GERMANS EXPECT "GOOD RESULTS"

PRESS ASSOCIATION TELEGRAM.

BERLIN, Thursday.

A statement on to-night's air raids on England, issued here by the official German News Agency, says:—

"Several formations of the German Air Force started this evening, in good weather conditions, for important military objectives in the South of England and the Midlands.

"The German bombers crossed the Channel between 7 and 8 p.m., with good visibility and bright moonlight, so that the chosen targets were easily picked out.

"Although so far no details have been received as to the success achieved, well-informed circles state that good results may be confidently expected."

LATE F. R. HIGGINS

REMAINS REMOVED TO ST. MARY'S CHURCH

A striking tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. F. R. Higgins, Managing Director of the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, last night, when the body of the noted writer was taken from Jervis Street Hospital to St. Mary's Church, Mary street, Dublin.

The remains were taken *via* the Abbey Theatre, where the procession was joined by a throng of people associated with the literary, artistic and social activities of Dublin.

At the church the remains were received by the Rev. Canon H. C. Cave, Rector of Malahide, and the Rev. Dr. N. D. Emerson, Rector of St. Mary's.

A short Service was held, and the congregation joined in the singing of the hymns. The funeral will take place this morning from the church to Laracor, County Meath.

Many beautiful wreaths, including one from the Abbey Theatre directors, were placed around the coffin in the church.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Beatrice May Higgins (widow), Mrs. Annie Higgins (mother), Mr. W. M. Higgins (brother), Mrs. Kingston, Mrs. W. E. Smith, Mrs. C. H. Edwards, Miss Alice Higgins (sisters); Mr. W. Higgins, senior (uncle), Station Sergeant Kingston, W. E. Smith, C. H. Edwards (brothers-in-law); Mrs. W. M. Higgins, Mrs. A. Higgins, jun. (sisters-in-law); Miss Olive Kingston (niece); Raymond Edwards (nephew); William Higgins, junior (cousin).

The attendance included also:—Mr. P. J. Little, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; Cormac Breathnach, T.D.; Mr. Lennox Robinson, Dr. Richard Hayes, Mr. Ernest Blythe, Roibeard O Farachain (Directors, Abbey Theatre); Mrs. W. B. Yeats, Mr. Jack Yeats, Miss Anne Yeats, Mr. T. C. Murray, Senator J. G. Douglas, Mr. J. J. Walsh (Federation of Irish Industries); Rutherford Mayne, Austin Clarke, Peadar O'Donnell, Mr. Patrick Kavanagh, Mr. Roger McHugh, Dr. J. F. Larchet, Mr. F. May, Padraic Og O Conaire, Mr. P. S. O'Hegarty, Secretary, G.P.O.; Mr. R. C. Ferguson, Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce; Dr. T. J. Kiernan, Brinsley McNamara, Mr. Sean O Faolain, Frank O'Connor, Mr. K. Reddin, D.J.; Sean O'Sullivan, R.H.A.; Seamus O'Sullivan (Dr. Starkey) and Mrs. James Starkey, Mr. Leslie Montgomery (Lynn Doyle), Mr. Harry Kernoff, R.H.A.; Mr. Jerome Connor, Mr. Harold R. White, Mr. and Mrs. R M. Smyllie, Mr. M J. McManus, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Newman, Mr. Frank Hugh O'Donnell, Professor Liam O'Brian, de Heer I. R. A. Weenink, Consul-General for the Netherlands.

Mr. Frank Dermody, Abbey Theatre producer; Mr. Eric Gorman, Mr. F. J. McCormick, Miss Eileen Crowe, Miss Ria Mooney, Miss Edith Lemass, Miss Gertrude Quinn, Mr. Denis O'Dea, Mr. W. O'Gorman, Miss D. Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle, Art Murnaghan, Cecil Forde, M. J. Dolan, Miss N. Bushell, Miss B. Martin, Mrs. M. Wilton, Miss D. Sproule; Messrs. M. Judge, Frank Ellis, R. Sloan, Austin Meldon, T. Purefoy, J. McDarby; Miss Alice McCarthy, U. Wright, Miss Dorothy Clifton.

Seumas Wilmot, Temple Lane, Sean and Mrs. O'Shea, P. J. McEvoy, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. E. Sheehy, Mr. E. Ginnell, Mr. Frank Robbins, Mr. Cathal O'Shannon, Mrs. Liam Redmond, Aine Ni Cheannain, Tomas O Luibheadh, Miss Roisin Walsh, Miss Kathleen O'Brennan, Mr. George Burrows, Mr. J. J. Mooney, Mr. Sean McGarry, Mr. Desmond Crean, Terence Ward, Mr. and Mrs. P. Brown, Mrs. Le Broquy, Mr. B. O'Nolan, Mr. A. H. Cromie, Mr. J. V. Nolan Whelan, Mr. D. H. Charles, Mr. E. W. Little, Mr. S. Higgins, N. Sheridan, B. Ni Loinsigh, R. M. Fox, Barney McGinn, Joseph Linnane, H. Brogan, J. Robinson, Miss M. Lane, Mrs. Bulmer Hobson, Mr. Arthur Duff, V. Ironmonger, Victor Boyd, Mrs. W. Sweetman, Mrs. R. Sweetman, Mrs. R. Paine, Dr. and Mrs. Ashe, Dr. Madeline Dempsey, Mr. J. Burke, M. Kinsella, Mr. Donagh MacDonagh, Dr. and Mrs. P. McCarville, Mr. J. C. Lawlor, Miss K. Murphy, Aine Ni Channa, Mr. G. Malone, Mr. Robert Addie, Mrs. Addie, Mr. J. J. Fogarty, Mr. J. W. Noblett, Miss M. O'Toole, Dr. C. O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. F. Dowling, the Rev. E. H. S. Campbell, the Rev. G. S. Nowlan, Rector, Rathfarnham; Mr. C. Purdie, the Rev. Charles Tyndall, Dr. George Hewson, Senator Desmond FitzGerald.

Representing the Irish Ballet Club (of which Mr. F. R. Higgins was president):—Miss C. Cullen, Mrs. M. Newman, Mr. R. C. Ferguson, Mr. E. Little, Mr. P. J. White, Mr. A. Power, Mr. W. Dowling; Mr. F. O. Ebbs (representing 7th Company, Boys' Brigade); Louis Dalton, G. J. C. O'Mahony, Niall Sheridan, H. L. Morrow, Archibald Clarke, Maurice McGonigal, E. Sheehy, Messrs. H. Barnardo, Frank Gallagher, John Burke, Joseph Holloway, J. R. Hudson, Victor Brown, T. J. Robinson, J. J. O'Leary.

Mr. Arthur Duff, Mus. Bac., was at the organ.

RESOLUTION OF ABBEY DIRECTORS

At a special meeting held last night the directors of the Abbey Theatre passed the following resolution:—

"It is with profound regret that we have heard of the death of our colleague, F. R. Higgins. He will be sadly missed by us, and we extend to his widow and his family our deepest sympathy."

LORD BADEN-POWELL BURIED

MILITARY FUNERAL IN KENYA

PRESS ASSOCIATION FOREIGN SPECIAL.

NYERI, KENYA, Thursday.

Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, who died yesterday, was this afternoon buried in the tiny country cemetery near his home at Nyeri, Kenya.

He was buried with military honours in keeping with his rank as lieutenant-general.

Lady Baden-Powell was not present at the funeral, which took place in full view of Mount Kenya. She had gone into the country to rest after the strain of nursing "B.-P." during his illness.

The family was represented by Captain Sherbrooke Walker, Lady Bettie Walker and Miss Christian Davidson, Lord Baden-Powell's niece. Captain Walker was one of the first officers in the Scout movement. He later became secretary to Lord Baden-Powell, whom he persuaded to settle in Kenya, when his health began to fail.

The pall-bearers included Brigadier-General Sir Godfrey Rhodes, G.O.C. the East Africa Force; the Kenya Scout Commissioner, the Officer Commanding the Air Force, and the Earl of Erroll. The coffin was carried on a South African gun carriage, and covered by the Union Jack and the Scout flag. The King's African Rifles, South African Infantry, the R.A.F., and the South African Air Force provided an escort.

The Chief Scout's medals and decorations were carried by a Kenya scout. Scouts and Girl Guides took a prominent part in the procession and the ceremony at the graveside. Among the scouts were Europeans, Indians and Africans. Rovers and British N.C.O.'s of the King's African Rifles carried the coffin to the grave. Girl Guides, Guiders and Brownies also took part in the procession.

During Lord Baden-Powell's illness the British Government made an offer of burial in Westminster Abbey, but the question whether the offer will be accepted or whether the remains will be transferred to Gilwell will not be decided until after the war.

EIRE BOY SCOUTS

A special joint meeting of the Eire Scout Council and the Dublin Boy Scout Association was held in Dublin on Wednesday, at which the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

"That the members present at this joint meeting desire to place on record their sincere sorrow at the death of the Chief Scout of the World and founder of the Scout movement, the Right Hon Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, O.M., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., LL.D., and to express their deepest sympathy with the Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell, and with the members of her family.

"That the holding of a Memorial Service in St. Patrick's Cathedral and a Memorial Service in the Jewish Synagogue in thankful remembrance to God for the life of the Chief Scout and for his services to the youth of the world be approved, and that also Roman Catholic Scouts attending their churches on that day be asked to remember their Chief."

The meeting further agreed to send a cablegram of sympathy to Lady Baden-Powell.

WORLD REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

A form of ceremony to be used at the Scout and Guide Memorial Services for Lord Baden-Powell has been sent to all Scout troops in the British Empire and foreign countries, states the Boy Scouts' Association.

Synchronised Services will be held in churches throughout the world either this Sunday or next, arrangements with the local religious bodies being made by the District Commissioners.

Members of the staffs of the Boy Scouts' and Girl Guides' Associations assembled in the Chief Scout's room at the Boy Scouts' Headquarters in London yesterday for a short Service of Remembrance of the Chief Scout.

NEW UNIONIST LEADER

MR. J. M. ANDREWS SELECTED

THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Thursday.

THE Northern Prime Minister (the Right Hon. J. M. Andrews) was to-day unanimously chosen as leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, in succession to the late Lord Craigavon, at the annual meeting of the Ulster Unionist Council in Belfast. There was a large attendance of delegates from all parts of the six counties.

The Prime Minister, having thanked the Council for the great honour they had paid him by electing him as leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, said:—"From my recent contacts with British Ministers, I am satisfied that Ulster's position is more fully recognised and appreciated than ever before. If we loyalists remain united and strong, as I am confident we shall, our position is absolutely secure. Our place within the United Kingdom is defined and established by the Government of Ireland Act, and British statesmen have assured us repeatedly that the position will not be altered against the will of the Ulster people."

Having expressed his pleasure at seeing so many of the Imperial members at the annual meeting, Mr. Andrews said:—"Sometimes I wonder whether their great services to Ulster are as fully recognised as they should be. They form one of those links which bind us to the Imperial Parliament. Their contacts with British Ministers and members of Parliament of all parties are invaluable, and they sacrifice many of their home comforts by being obliged to live a great portion of their time in London. It will be my desire that they and what I may call our Home Government should act at all times in helpful co-operation."

WAIT FOR VICTORY

"You know that my views are in strict accord with your own. At a meeting of the Ulster Unionist Labour Association, held a few weeks ago, I stated definitely where I stood. I said that under no circumstances will we become partners in an All-Ireland Republic, or give up our equal citizenship within the United Kingdom. On social problems you also know my views pretty clearly. Here, again, I feel we are in general agreement. We all desire that poverty should be lessened and slums abolished. We would like to see all social conditions improved as far as possible, and unemployment substantially reduced. We would like to see our medical services extended, and our industrial position widened and made more secure. We would like to see agriculture on a sound economic basis in times of peace as in war years. But many of these things, desirable as they are in themselves, will have, I fear, to wait until victory comes."

UNEMPLOYMENT

Referring to unemployment, the Prime Minister said: "I am certainly not going to make any rash promises, but you can depend on the Government, assisted by Parliament, doing all in their power to encourage industry and agriculture, as well as our local authorities to provide as much useful work as possible."

"As you know, representations have been made to the Imperial Government over a long period for the greater utilisation of the services of our Ulster people on war work. During the last few weeks I have again been in communication with the Home Secretary, from whom I have received the following message:—

"'My colleagues and I are most anxious that there shall be no delay in the adoption of any measures which may enable a larger contribution to be made by Northern Ireland to the production of material required for war purposes, and I hope that at an early date I shall be able to communicate with you about specific proposals for the attainment of this urgently important object.'"

EFFECT OF TREATY

The Marquess of Londonderry, K.G., who presided, in putting the resolution electing Mr. Andrews as leader to the meeting, said:

"I should like to take this opportunity of saying how glad we are to welcome Mr. Andrews as our Prime Minister as the successor to those who preceded him in the leadership of the Party, whose names will always be honoured throughout this province."

Having eulogised the late Lord Craigavon, Lord Londonderry said that when the great change occurred in 1921, and a Parliament was forced upon them as a result of the Irish Treaty which the British Government brought about, a vital and disastrous change was made in the policy of Union which, undoubtedly, was the proper policy for the administration of what was known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. The administration of Ireland was one of the many responsibilities of the British Government, and in their dereliction of duty the whole situation has changed for the worse, and Northern Ireland, to a very large extent, has been the sufferer.

DEMOCRACY

Nevertheless, Lord Craigavon undertook his new duties as Prime Minister of the province, and as such he carried on the Government of Northern Ireland on the democratic principles for the maintenance of which they were waging a life and death struggle. To carry on democracy in Northern Ireland was by no means a simple matter. Democratic Government required certain very definite factors, many of which were non-existent in Northern Ireland.

For the correct functioning of Parliament an opposition was necessary, capable of undertaking the duties of government should the Government of the day fail to receive the support of the majority of the people. In that respect they could say that the situation in Northern Ireland differs to a very large extent from the situation in Great Britain.

In Great Britain there was no constitutional question which created any division worthy of the name, but that issue continually existed in Northern Ireland, and presented a difficulty from which the British Parliament was immune. They were continually having the constitutional position of Northern Ireland forced upon them.

The annual report was adopted, on the motion of Sir Emerson Herdman, seconded by Mr. A. Dalzell, J.P., and the financial report, on the proposition of Mr. J. Alfred McAuley, D.L., seconded by Mr. J. Gamble.

On the motion of Sir Joseph Davison, seconded by Colonel D. C. Lindsay, D.L., the president, vice-presidents, hon. secretaries and hon. treasurer were elected as follows:—The Right Hon. J. M. Andrews, D.L., M.P., President; the Marquis of Londonderry, K.G., M.V.O., P.C., and the Right Hon. Sir Edward Archdale, Bart., D.L. (re-elected), Vice-Presidents; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir W. J. Allen, D.S.O., D.L., M.P.; the Right Hon. Sir R. Dawson Bates, Bart., D.L., M.P. (re-elected), Honorary Secretaries, with the addition of Captain Sir Norman Stronge, Bart., H.M.L., M.P.; and Dr. William Gibson, J.P. (re-elected), Honorary Treasurer for the ensuing year.

DR. RYAN'S BROADCAST

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I would like to underline Dr. Ryan's important broadcast without further comment. But I think the situation, though urgent, is not quite so simple that it can be dealt with on the lines of a general injunction like "*Cras aret qui nunquam aravit quique aravit cras aret.*"

There are certain regions like the Counties Wexford, Carlow, Louth, and Leix, where 20 per cent. of the arable area is normally tilled, and where the proportion under tillage could be increased, perhaps, to 50 per cent without hardship, if suitable arrangements were made in the country as a whole. There is much land in nearly every county which would profit by being broken up, provided there was a prospect of adequate manuring before it was laid down again in fresh and better grass. There are also certain well-known regions of first-class permanent pasture land devoted to dairy production, as in County Limerick; or beef production, as in County Meath.

From the point of view of the national interest, as well as that of the individual farmer, it would be positively sinful to break up first class pasture land which is giving a better return as such than it could give under any possible tillage crop, especially as there is considerable doubt in many cases about the possibility of being able to complete the rotation with adequate manuring. Such land is now letting at £4 or £5 per statute acre, and, presumably, yields a gross return of nearly £10 per acre per annum in its present condition. Any farmer, whether he owns 20 acres or 200 acres of this kind of land, in being compelled to till it, is in fact being asked to destroy £10 worth of grass and incur, perhaps, £6 worth of other expense in order to produce £16 worth of wheat this year, and, perhaps, mainly weeds next year.

This indiscriminate compulsion on everyone everywhere to till at least twenty per cent. does not make sense, and destroys many of the advantages we might otherwise derive from our traditional regional specialisation in agricultural pursuits.

One obvious suggestion is that farmers owning first class pasture land should be allowed to "pair" with other farmers owning land suitable for tillage, and do less than twenty per cent. if they can get farmers elsewhere to compensate by doing more than their compulsory quota.

In 1849, when we grew 600,000 acres of wheat, the yield per acre, according to the official statistics, was 12 cwt. In 1933, before the epidemic of unnecessary wheat growing had impoverished our soil, we were getting a yield of 21 cwt. per acre.

The growing of wheat, which was an expensive luxury for the nation between 1932 and 1939, is now a desperate necessity. If we must get back to the 1849 acreage, and want to avoid the economic disaster of reverting to the 1849 yield per acre, something must be done about the manure question.

It is because it makes a substantial contribution to the solution of this question that I welcome the recent decision to pay an additional 5s. per cwt. live weight for our cattle exported for slaughter to Great Britain.

For five years the position has been that the British would pay us no more for a 14 cwt. fat bullock ready for slaughter than they were prepared to pay for a 12 cwt. bullock of the "forward store" type. In consequence of this our farmers have ceased to fatten cattle either in the stalls or on the grass. This has constituted a real economic injustice to us, and it is amazing that our Government and people acquiesced in it without a murmur.

In time of peace it was, perhaps, intelligible (though indefensible) from a British point of view, but in time of war it has become a policy of incredible folly from the point of view of Britain's national interest. For it meant that we were exporting about 600,000 cattle every year, averaging, at least, 2 cwt. each less in weight than we could easily have made them. Thus Britain was throwing away over a million cwt. of (live) beef in addition to the dead-weight carcases lost by submarine action.

Because our tillage farmers have long since ceased to feed large cattle in the stalls they are short of the best kind of animal manure, and in some cases short of an economic outlet for surplus oats and feeding barley. Every farmer knows that fully grown cattle, whether fed on grass or in the stalls, return the element of phosphorus to the soil in the form of manure, since they no longer need it for their bones.

Now that stall feeding in our tillage districts has again become possible and profitable, our farmers in those districts may safely embark on large scale cultivation of wheat and other cereals without detriment to the permanent fertility of their soil. But I am still doubtful about the wisdom of a flat rate twenty per cent. compulsory tillage measure in regions of first-class pasture, or in any region where animal manure is scarce and artificial manures unobtainable. It would be much better that farmers in tillage regions should be encouraged to do fifty per cent. or more, while farmers in regions of first-class pasture did ten per cent. or less. This would involve the production of large quantities of oats and barley in tillage regions for sale to farmers in non-tillage regions, and a minimum price for such oats should be fixed which would compensate the farmers in tillage regions without discouraging farmers in other regions from buying and using home-grown cereals as stock feed. This, again, would involve some understanding with England as to the price at which our surplus bacon, etc., would be taken off our hands during the coming season. Our Ministry of Agriculture is to be congratulated on an important first step in the right direction, and encouraged to proceed along the lines of a policy which takes account of the fact that we cannot adequately feed ourselves without a substantial contribution to the sustenance of the British—unless we are foolish enough to do it in a way which must impoverish our land and our people for a decade or more.—Yours, etc.,

JOSEPH JOHNSTON, Senator.

The Glen, Drogheda.
7th January, 1941.

BRITISH EXPORTS TO EIRE

EFFECTS OF NEW ORDER

While it is not possible yet to give full details of the new British Board of Trade Order placing this country on the same basis as countries of the British Empire in respect of goods imported from Britain, it has been ascertained that it affects every class of imported goods

This will mean that before export to this country licences will have to be obtained from the British Government. The granting of licences will, apparently, depend upon the needs of Britain herself

At the outbreak of war in September, 1939, a general export licence was issued by the Board of Trade permitting exports to Eire with certain exemptions, which were mentioned in yesterday's *Irish Times*. These exemptions, with others which had been made in the meantime, have now been added to by the inclusion of almost every class of goods imported.

NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ANNULS GERMAN DECREES

The Norwegian Government has issued a statement declaring null and void appointments made by the authorities in German-occupied Norway without regard to established laws. It is authoritatively stated in Norwegian circles in London that newly-established posts in State or municipal government will be subject to review when legal government is re-established in Norway. This also applies to persons who have been dismissed from their posts.

Appointments due to political motives or other improper reasons will be annulled, and the possessors of such posts and those who appointed them, will be held to account for their actions. Confiscated property must also be returned to the original owners.—Press Association.

'PLANES FLYING THE ATLANTIC

BURBANK, CALIFORNIA, Thursday.

United States fighting 'planes are flying to England in a steady stream and getting through a hundred per cent., Mr. H. H. Ogden, manager of the British Reassembly Division of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, stated to-day. He has just returned from a visit to England.

"Even if the Germans should spot them, the American 'planes are fast enough to escape any long-range aircraft that might happen on them."—(Press Association.)

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CHICAGO CITY EMPLOYES' STRIKE

SETTLEMENT REACHED LAST NIGHT

ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CHICAGO, Thursday.

This vast mid-Western metropolis, in which "gangsterism" once flourished, is threatened with a creeping strike paralysis as the unionised city employés struck, protesting against pay cuts.

The traffic lights in some sections were darkened and many other municipal functions slowed down as the first union members walked out.

1,789 workers are directly involved in the strike, and an additional 3,500 may strike in sympathy in protest against the $2,000,000 (£500,000) annual wage reduction.

A message last night stated that the city officials had reached agreement with the employés, and the strike has been called off.

By noon yesterday 4,351 men had been affected by the strike before the settlement was reached.

STRIKES THAT DELAY DEFENCE WORK

"CONGRESS SHOULD STEP IN"

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

The question of possible Congressional action to forbid strikes which seriously prejudice the United States defence programme was discussed to-day by members of the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives.

The matter arose on reports that a strike may begin immediately at the Ranger engineering division of the Fairchild Engine and Aeroplane Corporation at Farmingdale, Long Island This would delay a big Army and Navy order for aeroplane engines.

Mr Vinson, the Chairman of the Committee, declared that "strikes and other things must stand aside and let this programme go through."

Representative Mott, who comes from Oregon, suggested that Congress should step in "if the manufacturers and workmen haven't enough patriotism to get together."

On Wednesday evening last in Mitchell's Restaurant, Grafton street, Mr. D. Kelly played for the Dublin Gramophone Society a selection of records, which was in effect a history of the development of such music from the 16th century dances to the present day, Stravinsky.

Rugby Football

BELFAST AND CORK VISITORS

THE principal Rugby football match in to-morrow's programme is that between Dublin University and Northonians at the College Park. Early in the week there was a doubt about the visit of the combined Instonians and North of Ireland teams being possible, but, happily, difficulties have been overcome, and the Northerners are not only coming, but coming with an exceptionally strong side, which will include J. Ellis, of Wakefield, an English international scrum-half who played for his country against Scotland in 1939. R. S. Clements plays at full-back and among the forwards will be St. J. Pike. In view of the selection of the teams for the Universities v. The Rest match, the game will have additional importance and should attract a big crowd to the College Park.

University College, Cork, who have a fine record in club games so far this season, pay their first visit to Dublin and play Lansdowne at Lansdowne road. The form of Lansdowne has not been too convincing, but a recent success over Old Belvedere, achieved chiefly through fine forward work in the loose, showed that the team has improved considerably.

University College, Dublin, have a home match with Blackrock College. In their first encounter of the season "National" created a surprise by winning after being behind until nearly the end. Blackrock will probably reverse that result on this occasion, but the match should certainly be a close one and well worth seeing.

Club form has been so "in and out" that any result does not come as a surprise, but on form Wanderers should not be beaten by Palmerston in the game at Clonskeagh.

Bective Rangers will be keen on turning the tables on Old Wesley, who beat them by three points in the first engagement; and St. Mary's College, who have been doing so well in senior ranks since gaining promotion, have strong prospects of success against Monkstown.

Old Belvedere and Clontarf travel to Belfast for games with Queen's University and Malone, respectively.

The fixtures are as follows, the kick-off in each case being at 3.15 p.m.:—

Lansdowne v. University College, Cork, at Lansdowne road.
University College v. Blackrock College, at Belfield.
Palmerston v. Wanderers, at Clonskeagh.
Bective Rangers v. Old Wesley, at Donnybrook.
St. Mary's College v. Monkstown, at Kimmage Grove.
Dublin University v. Northonians, at the College Park.
Queen's University v. Old Belvedere, in Belfast.
Malone v. Clontarf, in Belfast.

MUNSTER XV. v. ULSTER

The Munster team to meet Ulster at Belfast on January 18 was selected at Limerick Junction last night as under:—

Full-back—M. Murphy (U.C.C.).

Three-quarters—N. Barrett (Dolphin), H. Deacon (Dolphin), C. O'Driscoll (Constitution), T. Torrens (Bohemians).

Half-backs—H. de Lacy (Dublin University and Garryowen), S. Walshe (Dublin University and Garryowen).

Forwards—B. Reardon (U.C.C.), Corporal C. Teehan (Army and Constitution), J. Griffin (Army and Dolphin), E. Keeffe (Sunday's Well), D. O'Loughlin (Dolphin), Corporal T. Larkin (Army and Young Munsters), J. Williams (Dolphin), Lieut. P. Griffin (Army and Garryowen).

MUNSTER CUP DRAW

The Army team having been admitted to the Munster Senior Cup competition, a new draw became necessary and was made at Limerick Junction last night as under:—

A—Constitution v. Sunday's Well on February 22.
B—U.C.C. v. Bohemians, March 1.
C—Dolphin v. Garryowen, March 8.
D—Young Munsters v. Southern Command, Army, March 15.
Semi-finals—B v. A, D v. C. Final at Cork on April 12.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAY-OFF POSTPONED

The play-off in Division "A" of the Junior League between Wanderers 2nd and Railway Union, which was to have taken place to-morrow, has been postponed to Saturday, January 18th.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES

Wanderers Schoolboys — "Blues" v. "Colours." Lansdowne road 3.15 o'clock.
Blackrock Schoolboys v. Monkstown Schoolboys. Williamstown, 3.0.
Belvedere College J.C.T. v. Clongowes Lower Line. Jones's road, 3.30.

TEAMS.

Wanderers Schoolboys ("Blues")—Wiles; Richman, McCaw, Larmour, Roantree; Allen (R. E.), Morris, Hamilton (E.); Gaw, Hodgins, Campion, Boland, Parkes, Harrison, Hamilton (N.), Wann, Smith.

Wanderers Schoolboys ("Colours")—Browne; Ingram, Letchford, Nesbitt, Lee, Gill; Charles, Bradshaw; Daly, Leveroni, Huggard, Sweetman, Stevens, Curtis, Blake, Allen (A. L.), Callaghan.

Monkstown Schoolboys—K. McDermott; G. R. B. Crowley, A. W. Grey, W. A. Wright, D. O'Rafferty; V. Hanover, R. O'Donoghue; C. Bourke, L. Doyle, M. J. Kehoe, J. Clancy, M. C. O'Muille, H. Speidel.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES

The senior club fixtures for to-morrow are as under (kick-off 3.15)—

Dublin University v. Northonians. College Park.
Lansdowne v. University College (Cork). Lansdowne road.
U.C.D. v. Blackrock. Belfield.
Palmerston v. Wanderers. Clonskeagh.
Bective Rangers v. Old Wesley. Donnybrook.
St. Mary's College v. Monkstown. Kimmage Grove.
Queen's University v. Old Belvedere. Belfast.
Malone v. Clontarf. Belfast.

GOLF CLUB NOTICES

CASTLE.—To-morrow—Scotch foursomes, 9 holes.

DELGANY.—Sunday—Men's open fourball, bogey.

WOODBROOK.—Ladies' Branch—Medal, strokes; arrange partners and opponents.

KILCRONEY.—Ladies' Section—To-day: Medal, 9 holes, v. bogey; arrange opponents in morning. Afternoon, one draw, 2.45.

CLONTARF.—Ladies' Branch—Monday, 13th January; Postponed medal, first 9 holes, white posts; arrange partners. Committee meeting 7.15 p.m.

RATHFARNHAM.—Ladies' Branch—Tuesday, January 14th—Medal bogey. Draw, Class A 10.30, Class B 10.45. Tuesday, January 21st—White elephant competition. Draw 10.30. Whist drive 2.30.

CO. LOUTH.—Open fourball v. bogey—O. M. Lochrin and F. Gogarty (Laytown and Bettystown), 9 up; M. V. Reddan and J. F. Gannon (Co. Louth), 6 up. 9 holes, strokes—J. M. Collins (8), 38; J. Sheeran (12), 39; P. J. O'Grady (10), 40. December box competition—P. O'Kelly (4), 35; J. Sheeran (12), 37. Best gross—J. O'Connor, 38. Sunday, 12th—Men's fourball, 9 holes, v. bogey. Draws 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

PORTMARNOCK.—To-morrow a 'bus will leave Beresford place (Liberty Hall) at 1.30 p.m., setting down members at the club-house. It will return from the club-house at 6 p.m., setting down members at Eden quay. As well, the club car will meet at the Golf road the 'bus leaving Eden quay at 12.20 p.m. Sunday next—A 'bus will leave Beresford place (Liberty Hall) at 10.30 a.m., setting down members at the club-house. It will return at 6 p.m., setting down members at Eden quay. As well, the club car will meet at the Golf road 'buses leaving Eden quay at 12.5 p.m. and 1.20 p.m.

MILLTOWN.—Ladies' Branch—Tuesday next—Medal, postponed from Tuesday last. General meeting, 5.30; tea party, 4.30.

FOXROCK CLUB

An enjoyable social card evening was held at the club on Wednesday last, when about 200 members and their friends were present. The event was organised by a committee, consisting of Mrs. G. P. Gillespie, Mrs. W. J. Norman, Mrs. Donal O'Sullivan and Mrs. E. J. Whitcroft. The prizes, which were numerous, were presented by the lady captain (Mrs. J. L. Crabbe), and the evening concluded with a vote of thanks conveyed to her by the captain (Mr. Victor Hamilton). A successful auction was conducted by Mr. Fred Clarke.

As the club is conveniently situated both to train and 'bus services, it is hoped to organise similar functions during the season.

ADDITIONAL RACING FIXTURES

Additional fixtures under National Hunt Rules have been arranged to take place at Plumpton on Saturday, February 15, and on Saturday, March 8. These dates were originally applied for by Fontwell Park. There will be a meeting at Wetherby on each of the two days.

NAAS RACES

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Testing Trials at Second Stage of Irish Cup Coursing

(By MASTER McGRATH.)

LIMERICK, Thursday Evening.

THE last four in the Irish Cup are Mr. James Clarke's nomination, Hillside Laurel; Mr. William Quinn's nomination, Tanist; Mr. Arthur Callanan's Shy Sandy, and Mr. T. D. O'Sullivan's nomination, Ocean Blend. Hillside Laurel and Ocean Blend are representative of the Kingdom, Shy Sandy hails from the Birr country, and Tanist is last season's winner of the Irish Greyhound Derby. He was bred by Mr. Browne and is owned by an Englishman, Mr. Probert, in whose name he won the big track event at Shelbourne Park.

While the chances of Tanist bringing off the double for coursing and tracking cannot in any circumstances be ignored, the wagering suggests that Ocean Blend is the more likely to add the Blue Riband of the leash to his two Cork Cup successes.

To-day's Cup trials were, with one or two exceptions, "searching trials of genuine greyhound merit," and at the close of the fourth round there was only one of the quartette who had not got enough of it. As a matter of fact the two courses on the first day seemed to have taken much of the stamina out of them, and we had the now familiar Clounanna spectacle of dogs standing still, completely pumped out, or turning somersaults a long way from the soughs. Shy Sandy, however, produced stamina in plenty, and in his fourth course with Causeway Tom was with the hare right to the end of a heavy trial.

A STOUT BATTLER

On his displays on Wednesday Erin's champion looked as if he were favourably circumstanced, but, after being led by Dark Invader and losing another point or two, he closed up completely, and the Clonmel black had a punishing course alone, which assuredly did not enhance his prospects. But Dark Invader is a game 'un. After being led several lengths by Tanist, he fought out the exchanges in style, and, when Tanist was holding out signals of distress, he remained with the hare until he likewise faded out nearing the laurels.

They were two smart displays that Hillside Laurel registered, and he had the good fortune to get off fairly lightly in his third course with Rattling Idol. The loser killed in the drain, and in his next venture Hillside Laurel brought her down after taking the lead from Sly Dasher, who made the next turn and then served the Kerry dog, who used his teeth. With the others so severely handicapped, the Duagh dog is in a very favourable position, and, if he runs on, he might make amends for his failure in the third round of the Kingdom Cup at Christmas.

It was Tanist who finished off Dark Invader. The brindled, in his third spin, had but a pipe-opener, and raised the flag against William the Conqueror. He then showed four lengths better pace than Dark Invader, but was a tired dog when it ended.

FAVOURITE INJURED

"Master McGrath" wires from Limerick:—Late to-night it was ascertained that Ocean Blend had sprained a toe at his second outing. He was attended to by Mr. Arthur Callanan, V.S., who expressed the opinion that the dog could contest the final stages of the Cup. He is, however, to see him again in the morning, and, provided there is no swelling, he will take his chance.

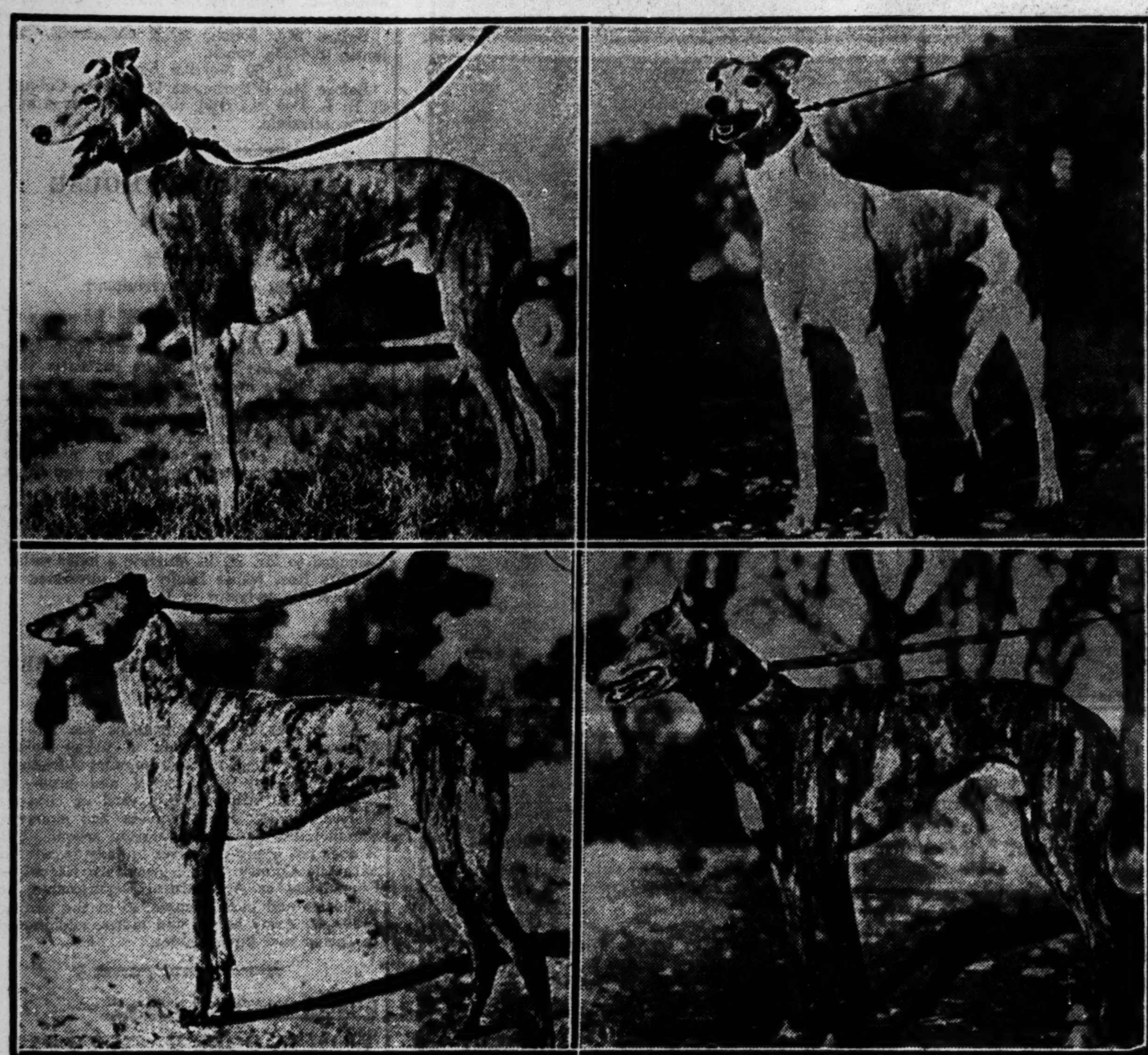
FAVOURITE NEARLY LED

Ocean Blend, then slipped with Dancing Caper, had a narrow squeak for the turn. He came from slips much the quicker, despite which he had a terrific struggle for the initial points, and it was only in the last few strides that he shot up. Dancing Caper, having lost the turn and a couple more, made no effort to contest the issue, and Ocean Blend, behind a stout hare, was left to do all the working alone. Again in the fourth round he came smarter from the slip, with Cherokee Border wide on the left; but, although the black made a gallant attempt to lessen the gap, he failed, and Ocean Blend scored the vital points with three lengths to spare. All through the course, which was battled out at close quarters, Cherokee Border kept the better line of the hare, but the other, with his superior pace, scored points here and there, and when Ocean Blend's flag went up he had got more than he bargained for from that grand hare.

SHY SANDY'S CHANCE

I really do not know what to say regarding Shy Sandy. He is a game 'un anyway, and if he has the pace he may spring a surprise. He must have had many admirers, as he was at only 14 to 1 in the long odds before coursing on the first day, and was an 8 to 1 chance after that day's coursing. The result is still in much doubt, but at this stage I cannot go back on Ocean Blend, although it is not encouraging to know he has met with a mishap. If he is all right in the morning he should get to the final, in which he probably will meet Tanist who, I believe, will have the foot of Hillside Laurel

THE SEMI-FINALISTS AT CLOUNANNA



The last four in the Irish Cup—Top (left): Mr. W. J. Quinn's Tanist. Top (right): Mr. James Clarke's Hillside Laurel. Bottom (left): Mr. A. F. Callanan's Shy Sandy. Bottom (right): Mr. T. D. O'Sullivan's Ocean Blend.

Details and Descriptions

Judge: Mr. M. F. Davin. Slipper: R. Sugrue.

IRISH CUP—For 64 all-ages. Winner, £350 and Cup; second, £100; two dogs, £40 each; four dogs, £20 each; eight dogs, £10 each.

THIRD ROUND.

HILLSIDE LAUREL beat Rattling Idol. 6 to 4 on Hillside Laurel.
SLY DASHER beat The Fearless Fenian. 3 to 1 on Sly Dasher.
DARK INVADER beat Erin's Champion. 2 to 1 on Dark Invader.
TANIST beat William the Conqueror. 4 to 1 on Tanist.
SHY SANDY beat Margueside Lawn. 5 to 4 on Shy Sandy.
CAUSEWAY TOM beat Querrin Delight. 6 to 4 on Querrin Delight.
CHEROKEE BORDER beat Modest Fellow. 6 to 1 on Cherokee Border.
OCEAN BLEND beat Dancing Caper. 5 to 2 on Ocean Blend.

FOURTH ROUND.

HILLSIDE LAUREL beat Sly Dasher. 2 to 1 on Sly Dasher.
TANIST beat Dark Invader. 2 to 1 on Tanist.
SHY SANDY beat Causeway Tom. 5 to 2 on Shy Sandy.
OCEAN BLEND beat Cherokee Border. 5 to 2 on Ocean Blend.

IRISH PURSE—For 23 dogs beaten in the first round of the Cup. Winner, £60; second, £20; third, £7 10/-; three dogs, £3 each.

Mr. T. P. McCarthy ns. BRILLIANT BRAID beat Mr. Jas. Stack ns. I Forget.
Mr. P. J. McNamara ns. LIVERPOOL SANDILLS beat Mr. J. Lydon ns. Mr. Moonlight.
Mr. P. J. Mulligan ns. HOLIDAY MOON beat Mr. P. Keighery ns. Another Lancer.
Mr. J. M. Ryan ns. WESTERN FREAK beat Mr. Thos. O'Sullivan ns. Had Not.
Mr. M. Kennedy ns. PODNOL a bye, Mr. J. Shaw's Shane Barnagh drawn.
Mr. D. O'Loghlen ns. SURLY beat Mr. C. J. Kerin ns. Robert's Future.
Mr. S. J. Gleeson ns. FIGHTING KING beat Mr. Jos. Barry ns. Rathkeale Lad.
Mr. D. Dunne ns. CABIN BLAZE beat Mr. J. P. Frost ns. Clanwilliam Chief.
Mr. C. Morrissey ns. EDEN DANDY beat Mr. M. O'Beirne ns. O'Brien's Heartbreak.
Dr. E. W. Griffin ns. JOVIAL BARNEY beat Mr. J. V. Rank's Jig and Reel.
Mr. R. O'Sullivan ns. CAERLOPTIC beat Mr. P. V. Ryan ns. Rattling Inler.
Mr. W. F. Quinlan ns. MYSTERY CHERRY a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

BRILLIANT BRAID beat Liverpool Sandills.
HOLIDAY MOON beat WESTERN FREAK.
SURLY a bye, PODNOL drawn.
CABIN BLAZE beat Fighting King.
EDEN DANDY beat Jovial Barney.
CAERLOPTIC beat Mystery Cherry.

IRISH PLATE—For 10 dogs beaten in the second round of the Cup. Winner, £60; second, £20; third, £7 10/-; four dogs, £2 10/- each.

Captain M. O'Connell ns. KILADOON beat Dr. Feely ns. Fedamore Hillside.
Dr. T. Murphy ns. VALIANT BROTHER a bye, Mr. H. McAlevey ns. Waterford Glass drawn.
Mr. T. Ahern ns. S.M. ODDITY beat Mr. J. O'Keeffe ns. Jackdaw's Ring.
Mr. D. Slattery ns. IRIS OIR a bye, Mr. P. Moloney's Sweet Smeria Cutlet drawn.
Mr. R. O'Connor ns. TARBERT AFTER MIDNIGHT beat Dr. E. J. Fitzgerald ns. Jovial Burglar.

CUP COURSES

THIRD ROUND

Hillside Laurel, in a grand buckle all the way, led Rattling Idol a length and a half, and had a decisive winning margin when a close working trial ended with the loser killing at the drain.

Sly Dasher drew past The Fearless Fenian, who began the smarter, for a lead of a length and a half, and he also had the second. Some close exchanges followed, of which Sly Dasher had a bit the better, and when he killed in the drain he was an easy winner.

Smarter from slips, Dark Invader rattled away ten lengths from Erin's Champion, and had the second and third. Erin's Champion then collapsed completely, and Dark Invader went on alone with a racing hare.

Tanist led William the Conqueror a length, and, following an exchange, brought his teeth into play.

Shy Sandy and Maigueside Lawn ran shoulder to shoulder for slips, but Shy Sandy got the turn by a length and had a big majority when he floored his game.

Causeway Tom led Querrin Delight two lengths and had all the beginning of it behind a quick-breaking hare. The red collar then cut in for a few points, but Causeway Tom held command for pace, and had much the better of both ends of it.

Modest Fellow almost shot Cherokee Border for the turn after the black had been well clear. A fine course ensued, with many exchanges, but Cherokee Border showed superior pace, and, despite a fall at the top of the ground, won well.

Dancing Caper looked certain to get the turn, but in the last few strides it was taken by Ocean Blend. He also went on for the second and third, and, Dancing Caper stopping up, Ocean Blend got no assistance whatever from him.

FOURTH ROUND

Sly Dasher showed pace nearing the hare, but Hillside Laurel shot up for the turn. He ran wide, and the fawn then used the hare and drove her to Hillside Laurel for its kill.

Tanist rattled away four lengths from Dark Invader. Several exchanges followed, both working closely, and Tanist had more than enough of it when Dark Invader took possession, but he also was a spent force before the hare beat him.

Shy Sandy led Causeway Tom three lengths. It was a long, tiring course, in which Shy Sandy was always scoring the better, and they both lasted it out well to the laurels.

Cherokee Border came badly from the slip, and Ocean Blend drew out for a three lengths' lead. The black was placed off the turn, and a longish course followed, with Cherokee Border the closer and keener on his game. Ocean Blend, too, was scoring points, but he became utterly pumped out and allowed his rival to go on in unchallenged possession to the soughs.

PURSE—FIRST ROUND

Brilliant Braid and I Forget were wide from slips. Brilliant Braid took the turn by three lengths, and was a clear winner of a short trial when, after putting on some good points, I Forget killed.

Liverpool Sandills was two lengths clear for the opening points from Mr. Moonlight, and, despite a heavy fall off the turn, was a strong winner of a good working trial, well run by both, when Mr. Moonlight legged his game.

Holiday Moon led Another Lancer, and had the better of the beginning of it, but Another Lancer became busy, and, although Holiday Moon got an attack of "cramp," he raised the flag.

Western Freak was five lengths faster than Had Not, and had the course won easily when they both stood up at the top of the ground.

Podnal ran a bye, Shane Barnagh being drawn.

Surly forged past Robert's Future for a three lengths' lead, went smartly round on the line for the second, and, moving with plenty of fire, ran rings round the other to the soughs.

Fighting King reached the hare two lengths in front of Rathkeale Lad. A rousing trial followed, the exchanges being well balanced, but Fighting King faded out nearing the soughs, and Rathkeale Lad finished it.

Cabin Blaze led Clanwilliam Chief three lengths, and had a few strong drives before Clanwilliam Chief went on for the kill.

O'Brien's Heartbreak ran unsighted, and when they joined Eden Dandy had both ends of it behind a stout-running hare.

Jovial Barney shifted his game two lengths clear of Jig and Reel, and had lots in hand when the fast hare beat them.

Caeraloptic was two lengths faster than Rattling Inler, who contested it stoutly after the other had taken a heavy fall, but the white collar was there again for the end of it.

Mystery Cherry ran a bye.

SECOND ROUND

Brilliant Braid led Liverpool Sandills two lengths, and the closer worker and faster had lots the better of it to the laurels.

Holiday Moon shot up for the turn, put the hare to Western Freak, and, after a quick exchange, Western Freak killed.

Surly ran a bye, Podnol being drawn.

Cabin Blaze held on for a two lengths lead of Fighting King, and held command for pace in a long course, admitting of but little assistance from the red collar.

Eden Dandy rattled away for a three lengths lead of Jovial Barney, who, in a short spin, had only one point of merit, the winner finishing a smart display to the kill.

Mystery Cherry was just up from Caeraloptic, but he was "cramped," and the winner went on alone to the laurels.

PLATE—FIRST ROUND

Killadoon led Fedamore Hillside four lengths. It was a well-contested trial, Fedamore Hillside scoring some good points in the middle, but Killadoon was never in the least danger of defeat.

Valiant Brother ran a bye, Waterford Glass being drawn.

S.M. Oddity was three lengths the faster, and always had the foot of Jackdaw's Ring to the soughs.

Iris Oir ran a bye, Sweet Smerla Cutlet being drawn following a no-course.

Tarbert After Midnight led Jovial Burglar four lengths, and retained almost jealous possession to the laurels.

LONG ODDS BETTING

BEFORE COURSING.

5 to 2 agst. Ocean Blend.
4 to 1 Cherokee Border.
6 to 1 Tanist.
7 to 1 each Sly Dasher and Erin's Champion.
8 to 1 Shy Sandy.
10 to 1 each William the Conqueror, Querrin Delight and Dancing Caper.
12 to 1 Dark Invader.
20 to 1 each Hillside Laurel, Rattling Idol, Maigueside Lawn and Causeway Tom.
25 to 1 each The Fearless Fenian and Modest Fellow.

AFTER FOURTH ROUND.

6 to 4 agst. Ocean Blend.
2 to 1 Tanist.
3 to 1 Hillside Laurel.
4 to 1 Shy Sandy.

DONABATE—MONDAY

DONABATE STAKE (eight bitch puppies)—Mr. T. Lownes's Meddlesome Cutlet v. Mr. H. Graham's Jubilee Jean; Mr. T. O'Brien's Barnhill Lady v. Mr. T. A. Ahern's Ena's Outlook; Miss M. Bruton's Meath Hope v. Mr. T. O'Rourke's Gipsy Minstrel; Mr. J. Julian's Flashing Speed v. Mr. T. Savage's Rozzer's Bud.

PORTRANE STAKE (six all-ages) — Mr. D. O'Donovan's Spay Mover v. Mr. M. Rock's Swift Battle; Mr. J. Butterly's Knocker's Bank v. Mr. T. Bruton's Bright Sailor; Mr. T. Savage's Tubberaluba v. Mr. M. O'Leary's Maulin Lily.

TURVEY NO. 1 STAKE (eight two-course all-ages)—Mr. J. Bruton's Brown Lottery v. Miss O. Ireton's Diamond Band; Messrs. Rogers and Burns's Malahide Wanderer v. Mr. R. Craigie's Harristown Sandy; Mr. J. Sheridan's Gowna Miller v. Mr. W. Brown's Clooneen Warlord; Mr. F. Ferguson's Lass From Lane v. Mr. R. Fortune's Fast Biddy.

TURVEY NO. 2 STAKE (seven two-course all-ages)—Mr. M. Savage's Mick Decide v. Messrs. Culhane and Roddy's Thirsty Johnny; Mr. R. Craigie's Sandills Laddie v. Mr. E. Martin's Snap Up; Mr. F. Collins's Speed To Burn v. Miss J. Brown's Cashier Man; Miss A. McParland's Queen's Luck a bye.

Meet at Turvey's Cross at 9.30. First brace in slips at 10.0.

ARMY HORSES SOLD

In consequence of the closing down of the Army School of Equitation, the horses were disposed of by Mr. Fred Clarke at Montpelier Hill Repository yesterday. Prices were moderate, and Miss Ireland, one of the jumpers which had figured on the team which won the Aga Khan International Military Trophy for Ireland at Ballsbridge three years in succession, went to the bid of Mr. Jack Doran at 40 guineas. Chief sales were:—

	Gns.
Miss Ireland, br. m. by King's Herald—dam by Cabra Castle (Mr. Jack Doran)	40
Clontarf, br. g. by Rose Wreath—dam by Discovery (Hon. G. Wellesley)	35
Man of Aran, br. g. by Star of Pride—dam by Radiant Moon (Mr. Brennan)	34
Kylemore, b. g. by Duke of Buckingham—dam by Bonnie Baby (Dr. Macken)	14
Red Hand, ch. g. by Wisket—dam's ped. unknown (Mr. Lawless)	26
Yellow Ford, ch. g. by Goldcourt—dam by King David (Mr. Maher)	24
Downpatrick, br. g. by Steelpoint—dam by Bright Bat (Hon. G. Wellesley)	36
Lough Foyle, ch. g. by Sunblaze—dam's ped unknown (Mr. Falkiner)	22
Finola, b. g. by Dublin Castle—dam by Noble Chieftain (Dr. Macken)	13
Boyne Water, ch. g. by Jackdaw of Rheims—dam by Kaleidoscope (Mr. Magee)	16
Armagh Hills, b. g. by Empire Maker—dam by Sungirt (Mr. Magee)	12
Cave Hill, ch. g. by Aramis—dam by Dal Riada (Mr. Magee)	12

Lacrosse

LADY HARTY CUP COMPETITION

The Lady Harty Cup competition was not as interesting as usual yesterday, the main reasons being the heavy state of the Guinness ground at Crumlin and the smaller number of entries. As a general rule, trial matches are held the day after the Harty Cup, but there are no trials this season, and examinations in Trinity also kept a number of players away. As a result, there were only four teams competing, as against the usual six or seven, and the pitch was so sticky and muddy that good lacrosse was not at all easy.

Three teams tied on the number of wins—Miss Rutherford's, Mrs. Stokes's, and Miss Campbell's; while the fourth, captained by Mrs. Millar, lost to the other three. The trophy was awarded for the highest number of goals, and went to Miss Rutherford's team who scored 25 in the three matches; Mrs. Stokes's side did next best with 18, and Miss Campbell's registered 13, although they succeeded in beating the winners in one of the morning matches by 5 goals to 4.

Several schoolgirls took part in the play, and the most promising of these were Misses S. Stringer and J. Robinson (wing defences), Miss R. Cox (right attack), Miss J. Terry (left attack), and Miss D. Moore (point). The last-named is really a goalkeeper, but her defensive play generally was very sound, and she saved a number of shots by clever anticipation.

Miss Stringer did some of her best work in holding such a dangerous attacker as Miss Rutherford when the latter's team lost to Miss Campbell's, and both Miss Cox and Miss Terry were noticeable for their taking of difficult passes.

Miss Rutherford had about the best-balanced side; the captains of the other three teams, each an international player, were the mainstays in all three matches; Miss Campbell, the Irish goalkeeper, being splendid in defence, while Mrs. Millar and Mrs. Stokes covered a tremendous amount of ground in mid-field. The results were:

Miss Rutherford beat Mrs. Millar, 12-2; beat Mrs. Stokes, 9-6; lost to Miss Campbell, 4-5.

Mrs. Stokes beat Mrs Millar, 7-5; lost to Miss Rutherford, 6-9; beat Miss Campbell, 5-1.

Miss Campbell beat Miss Rutherford, 5-4; beat Mrs. Millar, 7-2; lost to Mrs. Stokes, 1-5.

Mrs. Millar lost to Miss Rutherford, 2-12; lost to Mrs. Stokes, 5-7; lost to Miss Campbell, 2-7.

Miss Rutherford's Team:—Misses R. Rutherford, E. West, B. Pearson, I. Lombard, H. Archer, J. Thompson, H. Jones, B. Warren, P. Kingham, J. Mitchell.

Mrs. Stokes's Team—Mrs. Stokes Misses M. McComas, N. Payne, J. Lamb, Mrs. McMullen, Misses N. Hughes, J. Robinson, S. Stringer, O. Butler, M. Robertson, J. Terry.

Mrs. Millar's Team—Mrs. Millar, Misses I. Graham, F. Telford, I. Morrison, J. Seale, P. Clarke, H. Crosbie, J. Huet, A. Mitchell, A. Morrow, M. White.

Miss R. Campbell's Team—Misses B. Campbell, M. Hopkins, K. Boyle, R. Cox, M. Darley, S. Weldon, E. Hurley, D. Moore, C. Goodbody, A. N. Other.

WATERFORD HOUNDS

A very large field, both mounted and on foot, turned out for the Boxing Day meet at Tramore, when hounds had a lot of hunting around Fenor Mountain and Ballinaclough, foxes being very plentiful. However, they eventually marked to ground on the edge of the golf links, after 2½ hours hunting.

Hounds had an excellent day from the meet at Ballydurn Creamery on Tuesday, 31st December. First found in Ballydurn gorse, and went away very fast through Robertstown and Ballyhussa. Leaving Ballyvad covert on the left, hounds ran on across the Newtown-Carrolls Cross Roads over the main road to Ballybrack, where hounds checked. Although they were cast in every direction they failed to hit it off again. This was a very fast 35 minutes over a nice line of country. Next found in Shanahan's gorse, and went away across the Kilmacthomas-Newtown road, through Scrahane, and to ground in a drain, from which the fox bolted, ran through Burke's covert on by the Workhouse graveyard, and across the main road. Leaving Kilmacthomas on the left, hounds ran almost to Graig, but bearing left-handed they ran through Flahavin's grove. Here hounds checked, but, on being put right, they ran through Kilnagrange towards Croughaun Mountain, from which they were stopped, after a grand hunt of 50 minutes.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

TO-DAY.

Meath Hounds—Rahinstown, 11.30 a.m. County Limerick Hounds—Newbridge, 12 noon. Scarteen Hunt—Aughagown Cross, 12 noon. Mr. O'Hara's Harriers—Killorar, 11.30 a.m. Fingal Harriers—Naul, 1 p.m. North Kildare Harriers—Moyglare Police Barracks, 11 30 a.m. West Waterford Hunt—Modeligo, 12 noon. Ballymacad Hounds—Archerstown, 12 noon. Island Hunt—The Island, 11 a.m. County Longford Harriers—Terlicken Forge, 1 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Louth Hounds—Aclint, 11 a.m. County Down Staghounds—Creevytenant, 12.30 p.m. Waterford Hounds—Ballyduff Chapel, 11.30 a.m. **Ward Union Hounds**—Rathgate, 1.30 p.m. South County Dublin Harriers—Blackchurch, 2 p.m. Bray Harriers—Belvedere Hall, 2 p.m. Thurles and Kilshane Hounds—Ballagh, 12 noon. Carlow Hounds—Rathoe, 11.30 a.m. North Armagh Harriers—Derryhale Cross Roads, 1 p.m. Strabane Harriers—Ardstraw, 1 p.m. Kilkenny Hounds—Bishopshall Gate, 11.30 a.m. **Kildare Hounds**—Betaghstown Cross Roads, 11.30 a.m. Bree Hounds—Gurrawn Bridge, 11 a.m. (old time). United Hunt Club—Kearney's Cross, 11.30 a.m. Naas Harriers—Kildoon Cross Roads, 1 p.m. Duhallow Hounds—Rockhill, 11.30 a.m. Mount Loftus Harriers—Mount Loftus. Tipperary Hounds—Ballyluskey Village, 11.30 a.m. North Kilkenny Hunt—Clomanto, 12 noon. South Mayo Hounds—Straide, 12 noon.

HUNT CARDS

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN HARRIERS.—Change of Meet—Saturday, 11th, Blackchurch, instead of Clondalkin, 2 o'clock. The meet postponed from last Wednesday will be held on Wednesday, 15th, at Donnybrook Bridge.

CO. LIMERICK HOUNDS.—January—Monday, 13th, Patrickswell (instead of Mount Coote); Friday, 17th, Ballingarry; Monday, 20th, Mount Coote; Friday, 24th, Rathfedagh; Monday, 27th, "Black and Tans," Kilballyowen (by invitation). At 12 o'clock.

QUEEN'S COUNTY HUNT.—The meet to-day at Stradbally Hall is cancelled.

FOOTBALL CONFERENCE IN DUBLIN?

The League of Ireland have intimated that some of their delegates will be unable to attend the conference in Belfast to-morrow in connection with the allocation of gate receipts in the inter-League games with the Northern Regional League. The League of Ireland has asked the Northern body to send delegates to Dublin for a meeting to-night, and it is understood this will be done.

MUNSTER HOCKEY TEAM CHANGE

J. A. Cullen (Wanderers) has declared off the Munster team to meet Connacht at Carlow to-morrow, and his place at inside left will be filled by S. Lilburn (L.P.Y.M.A.), who moves over from inside right. R. Healy (Wanderers) comes on as inside right.

NINETEEN GERMAN SHIPS NOW SERVE ALLIES

Nineteen German ships confiscated by the Dutch East Indies authorities following the invasion of the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, are now serving the Allied cause.

Dr. N. A. C. Shotemaker de Bruine, who is on an important mission in London for the Dutch East Indies Government, made this disclosure at a Press conference in London yesterday.

He told of the change over of the Netherlands East Indies from peace to war as Britain's Ally, of the conscription of all Dutchmen there between the ages of 18 and 46, the interning of about 5,000 German nationals, and the great increase in defence expenditure. This totalled £55,580,000 in the 1941 Budget. New ships of the lighter type were being built to increase their naval forces.

ENNIS DIRECTORS SENT FOR TRIAL

From Our Correspondent.

ENNIS, Thursday.

Before Judge Fawsitt, K.C., at Clare Circuit Court to-day, Walter Chapman, managing director of Ennis Braid Mills, and Ted Town, a director, were charged in connection with the falsification of books, the fraudulent conversion of money, and the uttering of forged documents.

Mr. M. J. Walshe, State Solicitor, asked the judge to send the case for trial to the Central Criminal Court, Dublin. In this case, he said, there were on the books of the court a total of thirty-four charges, which would form portion of the indictment eventually to be preferred against the accused.

Mr. J. Kenny (Mr. E. Monahan), for the defence, said that he had no answer to the State's application, which was granted, the defendants being allowed to remain on bail.

Hitler, Mussolini, Count Ciano and Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, all sent wreaths at the funeral of Lieut.-Col. Ribbentrop, father of Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, at Sonnenberg yesterday.

FUNERALS

MAJOR-GENERAL E. V. O'CARROLL

Full military honours were accorded to Major-General Eamon V. O'Carroll, Ely House, Munduff, Ashford, whose funeral took place yesterday from the Church of the Holy Rosary, Ashford, to Rathnew Cemetery. Mass was offered at 11.30 a.m. by the Rev. M. Martin, C.C., and, with two companies of the 7th Battalion drawn up in front of the church, the body, draped with the Tricolour, having also the sword, belt and cap laid on the coffin, was carried by the soldiers to the hearse, where the pall-bearers—Colonel F. Bennett, Colonel Hoolan, Colonel Mulcahy, Colonel Devlin, Major Skehan, Major Dwyer, Major Colgan, and Commandant D. O'Connell—were drawn up. Mrs. Clarke, Rosanagh, Rathnew, organist, played the Dead March as the remains were taken from the church, Father Martin, assisted by the Rev. P. Brown, reciting the prayers.

The companies of soldiers moved off, leading the *cortège*; then came the band, under Commandant M. F. Dodd. The Guard of Houour accompanied the hearse, and was followed by a large contingent of officers, the chief mourners, representatives of the Government, the Dail, the Senate, and public bodies; also there were many motor cars containing friends and the general public. After the march through Ashford village the pace was quickened for the two-mile journey to Rathnew, where in the village the ceremonious march, with band playing, was resumed to the cemetery. Commandant Kavanagh was in charge of the arrangements.

In the cemetery, Father Martin, assisted by the other clergy present, including the Rev. C. McGoldrick, C.C., St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry (cousin of the late Major-General), officiated. The firing party were under the command of Lieutenant Dolan. The buglers sounded the "Last Post," and the body was then laid to rest in a grave neatly laid out in evergreens.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. O'Carroll (widow), Aily and Eamon (sons), T. O'Carroll (father), J. Moore (father-in-law), T. O'Carroll, Strokestown (brother), Miss M. O'Carroll (sister), Mrs. M. Corry (sister-in-law), D. Moore and Lieutenant A. Moore (brothers-in-law), Miss M. Moore (sister-in-law), Miss E. O'Carroll, Matron, St. Mary's, Cappagh; Captain P. McGoldrick, Rev. C. McGoldrick, C.C.; Miss McGoldrick, B. Carroll, Dublin; the Misses Helen and Martha Barry, Dublin; Mrs. Donnelly, Commandant M. Corry, and the Rev. Brother Francis, C.P., Holy Cross, Ardoyne, Belfast.

Mr. E. de Valera, An Taoiseach; Mr. F. Aiken, Mr. O. Trainor, Mr. W. T. Cosgrave, T.D., were present.

Among Army officers present were:—Major-General McKenna, Chief of Staff; Major-General H. McNeill, Colonel McGrath, Major S. Buggle, Lieutenant-General P. MacMahon, Colonel L. J. Hayes, Colonel McGoran, Commandant Eamon De Builleir, A.D.C.; Captain E. O'Boyle, O.C., A.S.M.; Lieutenant Sean Mulcahy, Commandant J. P. Flanagan, Commandant J. Delaney, Captain J. McNally, Colonel M. Hogan, Commandant D. J. Murphy, Captain Costello, Captain J. Cahill, Colonel F. Bennett, Colonel J. Mulcahy, Major J. Lillis, Commandant J. O'Connor, Commandant Collins Powell, Colonel P. Barry, Major Gleeson, Commandant G. Duffy, Captain Sean Brennan, A.D.C.; Lieutenant-General M. Brennan.

Commandant MacMahon, Captain McGoldrick, Commandant Fitzpatrick Captain Gormley, Commandant Cannon, Captain Condron, Commandant McKenna, Commandant D. Gallagher, Commandant S. Nelligan, Commandant H. Murphy, Commandant J. Flanagan, Commandant A. Thompson, Major A. Kinneen, Commandant J. Prendergast, Commandant MacRory, Major P. Moore, Commandant B. Byrne, Captain J. Smith, Major J. G. Flynn, Commandant J. McNally Colonel Egan, Q.M.G.; Captain E. O'Reilly, Captain F. J. O'Driscoll, Commandant T. H. Finn, Commandant D. H. Lawler, Captain G. Moore, Commandant Fahy, A.M.S.; Commandant W. C. Nolan, A.S.M.; Commandant M. F. Dodd, A.S.M.; Captain L. J. Crowley, Captain White, Commandant McPeake, Colonel J. B. Joyce, Commandant King, Commandant King, Commandant M. C. Connery, Major P. Tuite.

The Most Rev. Dr. Farren, D.D., Bishop of Derry, was present.

Clergymen present were:—The Rev. R. J. Casey, A.C., Defence Forces; Rev. J. J. Piggott, C.C., Fairview; Rev. J. Tunney, Adm., Limavady; Father Connellan, Dromore; Father Maurice, Church street, Dublin.

Also present were:—Major Comerford, Dublin Fire Brigade; General O. O'Duffy, Colonel O'Connell, Finance Department; M. McDunphy, representing the President (Dr. Hyde); Sean Moran, Department of Defence; Mrs. McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. John Maguire, Colonel and Mrs. McKinney, Thomas Maguire, F. Maguire, Mrs. Colgan, Mrs. Hogan, Mrs. M. Brennan, Senator C. M. Byrne, Dr. M. Hopkins, Captain Peader Cowan, solicitor; Assistant Commissioner P. J. Carroll, Assistant Commissioner T. Woods, Chief Superintendent Quinn, Bray; Superintendent G. Flynn, Wicklow; Mrs. Dr. O'Connor, Miss Brennan, Miss J. Carroll, Colonel Broy, M. J. Beery, Department of Defence; L. MacMahon, Secretary, Department of Defence; A. B. Cullen, S.S.; James Kerr, Brother Bede, Enniskillen; J. J. Clarke, T. Murphy, Major J. P. Furlong, Captain J. P. Gleeson, M. H. O'Connor.

Guards controlling the routes were under Sergeant Silke, Wicklow.

MR. GEORGE ALEXANDER KEEGAN

There was a large attendance at the funeral yesterday from Carrickmacross Parish Church of Mr. George Alexander Keegan son of Mrs. A. I. Keegan, newsagent Carrickmacross, and the late John Keegan, of I. Jordan, Ltd., Ennis.

The Rev. R. Whitehead B.A., officiated.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Keegan (mother); F. W. Keegan, R. V. Keegan, LL.B.; L. N. Keegan, S. E. Keegan J. P. Keegan, A. J. Keegan (brothers); Mrs. V. Mitchel, Mrs. Nixon, Miss M. A. Keegan, Miss E. M. Keegan, Miss A. J. Keegan (sisters); R. Nixon (brother-in-law); Mrs. L. N. Keegan, Mrs. R. W. Keegan, Mrs. J. P. Keegan and Mrs. A. J. Keegan (sisters-in-law).

The general attendance included:—Mr. S. McCrum, Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs. B. Mahon.

MR. JAMES FARRELL

The funeral of Mr. James Farrell, The Arcade, Bridge street, Balbriggan, took place to Balscadden Cemetery yesterday, after Requiem Mass at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, celebrated by the Very Rev. Joseph Hickey, P.P.

A native of County Meath, Mr. Farrell was for many years manager of Messrs. Spicer's Bakery, Balbriggan, before he took up an important managerial position in the Blanchardstown Mills. He had been a Town Commissioner, and a member of the old Balrothery District Council. He was also an active member of the local St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Farrell (widow); Mrs. Pembrey, the Misses Maureen, Alacoque, and Eileen Farrell (daughters); Mr. H. S. Pembrey (son-in-law); Mr. C. Farrell (brother); Miss Farrell (niece); Miss Brady (sister-in-law).

The attendance also included:—Dr. P. W. McGowan, Mr. G. L. McGowan, Miss McGowan, Mr. F. X. McGowan, Dr. O'Reilly, Mr. T. M. Cashell, T.C.; Mr. J. J. Walsh, T.C.; Miss Fullam, T.C.; Mr. J. C. Reynolds, T.C.; Mr. C. Coyle, T.C.; Mr. W. F. Cumisky, T.C.; Mr. W. Bannon, Town Clerk; Mr. P. Purfield, Mr. A. Wade, Mr. P. J. Curran, Mr. P. J. Daly and Mrs. Daly, Mr. J. J. Spicer, Mr. Jas. Spicer, Miss Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Webster, Mr. J. Quinn, Mr. W. W. Chapman, Mr. N. J. Heeney, Mr. J. J. Patton, Mr. F. J. O'Reilly, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brangan, Mr. W. P. Smith, Mr. P. J. Kavanagh, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. H Moss, Mr. W. E. Cox, Mr. F. Cully, Mr. P. Wright, Mr. C. A. Kelly, Mr. J. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Connolly, Mr. C. J. Gallen, Miss Gallen, Mr. J. Sharkey, Miss Sharkey.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Fitzsimons, Mr. R. Duffy, Mr. L. F. Fallon, Mr. T. Cannon, Mr. T. Murray, Mr. P. F. Curran, Mr. P. J. McCormack, Mr. C. Keeling, Mr. J. Kiernan, Mr. P. Bissett, Mr. J. C. Campbell, Mr. J. Larkin, Mr. F. J. Larkin, Mr. J. J. Cooney, Mr. J. McCullen, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hanley, Mr. E. G. Scanlan, Mrs. H. R. Scanlan, Mrs. W. J. Cumisky, Mrs. W. F. Cumisky, Miss Cumisky, Mr. P. Tolan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Canning.

DANCE

NORTH MAYO HARRIERS

More than three hundred couples attended the annual ball of the North Mayo Harriers in the Town Hall, Estoria, on Tuesday night last.

The attendance included—Mr. and Mrs. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Rowlette, Miss Macready-Bryan, Mr. R. H. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Whyte, Sligo; Miss C. Whyte, Mr. and Mrs. Tracey, Ballina; Mr. P. Tonra, Mr. J. Walker and Mrs. Walker, Miss V. Walker, Miss Jacqueline Doran, Mr. and Mrs Middleton, Mr. P. Galway-Foley, Mr. C. E. Smith, Mr. R. H. Fitzgerald, Mr. W. Macready-Bryan, Miss R. Nesham, Mr. D. Higgins, Miss R. McCormick, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. R. W. Browne, Mr. Macready-Bryan, Miss R. Macready-Bryan, Miss Betty Carrigg, Miss M. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. L. McLoughlin, Foxford; Mr. W. Wyatte, Dr. K. Mullis and Dr. A. Kenny, Swinford; Mrs. MacManaway, Mr. P. Stafford, Limerick; Mr. F. Clarke, Miss Tighe.

Dr. O. Hart, Dr. Heraghty, Mrs. F. Newman, Miss Newman, Mr. C. Newman, Mrs. P. O'Malley, Castlebar; Mr. P. O'Malley, V.S.; Miss G. Griffith, Dublin; Mr. O. K. O'Malley, Castlebar; Dr. and Mrs. Bourke and Mrs. H. C. Bourke, Mr. M. Murphy and Miss Joan Huggard, Mr. Frank Beckett, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Petrie, Miss Jennie Regan, Miss Coppinger, Mr. D. V. Egan, Mr. W. J. Sweeney, Mr. T. Walsh, Castlebar; Miss O. Stansfield, Ballina; Mr. H. C. N. McCormick, Mr. F. Cummings, Mrs. Cummings, Miss Enid Pyke, Mr. F. L. Egan, Mr. V. Molloy, Mr. P. Devine, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Burns, Mr. H. Mumford-Smith, Mr. J. V. Carroll, Mr. J. King, Miss Daly, Miss M. Ryan, Mr. S. Daly, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murphy, Miss Josie Murphy, Mrs. and Miss McNulty, Mr. J. Walsh, Kiltimagh.

Mr. R. G. Forde and Miss Moore, Mr. John Forde, Miss Moira McHugh, Mr. P. J. Murtagh, Miss Nellie Fitzpatrick, Miss R. O'Malley, Mr. P. J. Hennigan, Mr. J. J. Gordon, Mr. J. J. Murray, Mr. D. McCarrick, Lieutenant J. K. O'Gorman, Lieutenant J. Segrue, Mr. L. Mulligan, Miss Murphy, Mr. Sean Murphy, Miss F. Mitchell, Miss M. Murphy, Mr. Dermot Peterson, Miss Marie Murphy, Miss Alice Murphy, Miss Frankie English, Lieutenant J. Whyte, Miss N. Quigley, Miss Uniacke, Miss R. Mitchell, Miss M. Mitchell, Mr. W. J. Cosgrave, Mr. J. Molloy, Mr. P. J. Moclair, Mr. M. Comyn, Mr. V. Walsh, Mr. K. A. Paton, Miss I. Tighe, Mr. John McHale, Mr. T. W. Battle, Mr. J. D. and Mrs. Coen, Miss C. Pelly, Mr. J. Neary, Miss Joan Walsh, Miss H. P. Pelly, Miss I. Bourke, Mr. E. A. Molloy, Mr. Tony Melody, Mr. G. Clark, Dr. and Mrs. Brennan, Mr. Desmond Mahon, Mr. Andrew Alderson, M.F.H.; Mr. Frank Boland, Mr. P. Connor.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY SCHOOL UNION DANCE

The annual dance organised by the Catholic University School Union in aid of the Marist Foreign Missions and the Marist Boys' Club has been arranged for Wednesday, 22nd inst., at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin. The Dance Committee, under the chairmanship of Miss Molly O'Brien, has held meetings at the Gresham Hotel and at the school to complete the arrangements. Raffles for valuable prizes will be held at the dance, and many prizes have been presented for spot dances and other novel features.

During the evening musical items will be contributed by members of the Union Dramatic Society from their production, "The Country Girl," which will be played in the school concert hall every evening from the 20th to 26th January (the night of the dance excepted).

£7,000 FOR CHAUFFEUR

Evelyn Fanny Charlotte, Viscountess Charlemont, of 331 Nell Gwynn House, Sloane avenue Chelsea, who was killed during an air raid last October, left £7,000 to Lord Charlemont's former chauffeur, Frederick T. Ryan—the man Lord Charlemont cited as co-respondent in his petition for divorce. Lord Charlemont obtained a decree absolute in April last year. The decree *nisi* was not due to be made absolute before July, but Lord Charlemont, who was then very ill, applied to have the matter expedited, because if he should die in the meantime his former wife would have inherited £300 a year. Lord Charlemont was an ex-Minister of Education in Northern Ireland.

Lady Charlemont left £27,688 gross, with net personalty £23,865. Estate duty amounts to £4,667.

DUBLIN'S LOW DEATH-RATE

Cork recorded the highest death rate—31.6 per thousand—of any town in Ireland during the first week of the year. This was considerably higher than the figure—17.9—for the preceding four weeks. The death rate in Limerick was 30.5, an increase of nearly ten per thousand on the preceding four weeks. Increases were also recorded in Dublin (15.6 against 13.0), Dun Laoghaire (16.5 against 15), and Waterford (26.1 against 14.5).

Eleven deaths in Dundalk were caused by whooping cough.

The total number of births in the thirteen principal towns of Eire during the week under review was 267—19.1 per thousand of population.

IN DEFENCE OF TAKING A KNIGHTHOOD

Lord Provost Dollan defended his acceptance of a knighthood when he was both congratulated and criticised at a meeting of Glasgow Corporation yesterday. After explaining that he took the decision without consulting anyone, the Lord Provost, who is a Socialist, said: "What I have done is in accordance with the best civic tradition, and I hope that other occupants of the chair will also consider the welfare of Glasgow as more important than any notoriety they may gain by refusing to do the conventional thing."

Mr William Parks, Leader of the I.L.P. group, condemning the Lord Provost's action, said that many thousands of Socialists hold the opinion that the acceptance of honours at the hands of the King was merely supporting capitalism.

The Irish Times.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1941.

AUCTIONS

CASTLEFREKE ESTATE,
(5 MILES FROM CLONAKILTY, CO. CORK.)
AT A
CLEARANCE SALE
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, 15th INST.,
the following will be included:—

50 h.p. Tangye Horizontal Producer Gas Engine, in excellent condition, and Scrap Producer Plant, 110 volt Dynamo (200 amps., 22 kilowatts, Siemens type, 250 F.C.), Largo Switchboard and Fittings, several hundred feet Conduit Casing, about 800 yards of heavy Electric Cable (underground), 50 heavy 18-gallon dove-tailed, lead-lined and painted wooden Water Tanks.

Beautifully-finished Solid Oak Mahogany-fronted Bookcase, 19ft. 6ins. x 9ft. 6ins., approximately, having basement drawers and shelves, most suitable as a chemist's or other high-class shop fitment, condition perfect; another very fine Oak Bookcase, 14ft. 3ins. x 8ft. 9ins.

Sale at Farmyard at 12 o'clock.
Further particulars from
WM. G. WOOD & SONS,
M.I.A.A., Auctioneers,
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GROCERY AND PROVISION BUSINESS.
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as a Going Concern, a WELL-ESTABLISHED GROCERY AND PROVISION BUSINESS, together with Trade Utensils.

The Business Premises—situated in a fine district on a leading road in South Belfast—are spacious and have an imposing frontage.

The Shop will be let in conjunction with attached Dwellinghouse, which contains two reception rooms, kitchenette, four bedrooms, bathroom, &c.; electric light. Apply, by letter only, to
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LAST YEAR AT DUBLIN PORT

CAPTAIN GORDON'S REVIEW

THE DOCKYARD AND REFINERY SCHEMES

CAPTAIN ALAN GORDON, the outgoing Chairman of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, announced at yesterday's meeting of the Board that the Dublin Dockyard had been restarted during the past year by a new company, and a number of vessels had passed through the company's hands.

He said that he was not very optimistic that there would be an immediate resumption of the oil refinery project, but it was possible a method would be found to overcome the difficulties.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Captain Gordon, in moving the election of Mr. Percy McGrath as Chairman, said that he appreciated the work Mr. McGrath had done in co-operation with him during the year. He was sure that Mr. McGrath would maintain the dignity of the Board.

Mr. P. J. Munden seconded.

Mr. McGrath, replying, said that all businesses had suffered as a result of the war, and port authorities in particular must be deemed to be in the front line, but fundamentally the finances of this Board were as sound as ever. He paid tribute to Captain Gordon.

Mr. T. O'Connor was elected Vice-Chairman on the motion of Mr. Martin O'Sullivan, seconded by Mr. M. McCabe.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Captain Gordon, in his review of the trading and other experiences during the past twelve months, said that since he had last addressed them twelve months ago, virtually all of their regular Continental connections had ceased to operate, with the result that commodities which flowed to the Port of Dublin for the country's needs had considerably changed in character and in origin. This and the restrictions which the emergency had placed on merchants of obtaining their supplies, and on the shipowners operating their ships, had had the effect of reducing the total net register tonnage which had entered the port and made use of the quays and equipment. The figures were 1,908,332 tons for the past twelve months, as compared with 2,773,316 tons during the previous year—showing a decrease of 865,000 tons, or 31 per cent.

This might have had a very serious effect on the finances of the Board were it not for the fact that they were keenly alive to the situation and took every reasonable precaution to allow for this falling off in trade. The balance of receipts over expenditure on revenue account this year was in the neighbourhood of only £4,000 to £4,500, as against £13,400 as shown at the end of 1939. It would be appreciated from this that great care must be exercised in the management of the Board's accounts until the position improved.

OIL REFINERY PROJECT

During the year they had endeavoured to reduce expenditure, and they had been assisted by the helpful attitude taken by members of the Board's salaried staff in the matter of increased cost of living, and also by labour, which did its part. It was by labour's agreement that the shortened week was able to be worked. All capital works, except those which had to be completed, had been discontinued, and it was a matter of great regret that the financial position was such that they were unable to undertake their usual Christmas relief work. It might be suggested that with a balance of even £4,000 that money might be expended in relief or other works, but he pointed out that in the operation of the Board's finances a balance of £4,000 was almost negligible.

As regards the oil refinery, he was not very optimistic that there would be an immediate resumption of the project, though it might be that a method through the difficulties would present itself.

He referred last year to the bill to regularise the borrowing powers of the Board. That bill had passed and had duly become the Dublin Port and Docks Board Act, 1940. He paid tribute to the assistance they had received from the Private Bill Office and the Department of Industry and Commerce, and the courteous way their representatives were received by the Joint Committee of the Oireachtas who dealt with the matter.

With regard to dredging, it had been decided to discontinue double shift dredging, and while the navigable channel had been well maintained the quantity dredged had fallen from 1,884,000 tons to 1,403,000 tons.

The first section of the Ocean Pier at Alexandra Quay Extension had been commenced, showing an addition of 110 feet. The North Bank Lighthouse had been put in commission as a new automatic light, and the old lighthouse demolished. This was a saving in annual expenditure. Considerable work had been done in air-raid precautions, and, with the approval of the appropriate Government authority, shelters, fire equipment, and other matters were well in hand.

DUBLIN DOCKYARD

There had been a number of endeavours to get the Dublin Dockyard re-started since the Board took over the property in 1938. None of them came to fruition, until, in the middle of the past year, endeavours were made to get the yard re-started, under new auspices. Finally, the plant and property were transferred to the new company, and he was glad to be able to tell them that the company had been in operation, and had a number of vessels through its hands. He paid a special tribute to Mr. McGrath, now their chairman, and to the committee, who had carried out the negotiations in connection with the dockyard.

He also paid tribute to the courtesy and assistance he had received from each and every member of the Board during the year, and the members of the staff of the Dublin Port and Docks Board for the help they had given him.

IRISH FAIR

The Kilkenny monthly fair held on Wednesday was of small dimensions, and no department was stocked to its usual capacity, but prices all round showed big advances. Cattle—Three-year-olds and upwards £25 to £28, 2nd £20 to £25; 2½-year-olds £18 to £22 10/-, 2nd £17 to £18; two-year-olds £17 to £18, 2nd £15 to £17; 1½-year-olds £13 to £15, 2nd £11 to £13; yearlings £10 to £12, 2nd £9 to £10; weanlings £6 to £8; fresh-dropped calves 55/- to 65/-; springers £30 to £35. Sheep—Two-year-old wethers 75/- to 85/-, 2nd class 60/- to 75/-; ewes 55/- to 65/-. Pigs—12 to 14 weeks old 35/- to 40/-, 2nd quality 30/- to 35/-; 10 to 12 weeks old 28/- to 30/-. Horses—Sound working horses £30 to £45, others £20 to £30.

Cumann Choire Deirge na hEireann, Ata Cliat.

THIS YEAR'S SOCIAL EVENT
RED CROSS BALL
GRESHAM HOTEL
Tuesday, January 14th, 1941
DANCING, 9-3. RUNNING BUFFET.
A limited number of Tickets at 12/6 each, still available at Gresham Hotel.

Sellers of Raffle Tickets in connection with above should return counterfoils at once to the Hon. Secretaries, Dance Committee, 7/8 Lower Abbey St., Dublin.

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IRISH NEWS IN BRIEF

Reckless Driving Charge.—At Armagh Petty Sessions yesterday Dr. Sheelagh Woods, Beresford row, Armagh, was fined £3 for reckless driving of a motor car.

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Larceny of an Oven.—Paul McLoughlin, Court House road, Claremorris, was sent to prison for seven days for the larceny of an oven value 7s. 6d., the property of Michael Murray, the Square, Claremorris.

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Three Years' Penal Servitude.—At Clare Circuit Court yesterday, Michael Mangan, Ballymakeabeg, Mullagh, pleaded guilty to a charge of incest, and was sentenced to three years detention in a Borstal institution.

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Steel Sashes Cheapest.—It was stated at Waterford Corporation by the City Manager that if the Council were to provide timber instead of steel sashes for windows in their new housing schemes the cost would be £750 extra.

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More Unemployment.—There has been an increase of 4,845 in the number of persons registered at the Employment Exchanges on 4th January, compared with a week previously when the total figure was 96,386.

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130 Black-out Cases.—In the Belfast Summons Court yesterday fines ranging from £1 to £5 were imposed on shopkeepers for black-out offences. Householders were fined up to 40s. each, and for flashing a torch one defendant was fined 20s. There were 130 black-out cases before the Court.

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Remanded on Larceny Charge.—John Herlihy, 15 Malachi's lane, was, at Cork District Court yesterday, further remanded on bail charged with the larceny of £5 16s., a bottle of wine and two bottles of stout, the property of Helena Flannery, Gillabbey street, Cork.

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Roads Estimate Reduced.—Cork County Council yesterday decided to limit roads expenditure for 1941-42 to the amounts spent this year—namely, £77,000 on main roads, and £110,500 on county roads. The estimates called for a total expenditure on roads exceeding £400,000.

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Address to Archbishop.—The illuminated address from the Dublin City Council to His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin will be exhibited at Messrs. Combridge's, Grafton street, to-day, and in the offices of the Irish Tourist Association during the week-end.

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Railwaymen Demand More Pay.—A demand for a 20 per cent. increase in wages has been served on the Great Southern Railways Company and the Great Northern Railway Company by the Federation of Irish Rail and Road Workers. The demand affects railwaymen in the employment of the G.S.R. and 'busmen on the G.N.R. services.

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Galway Water Supply.—Galway Corporation yesterday received sanction to proceed immediately with the installation of a purification plant for the city's water supply, which has been condemned as unfit for use. A comprehensive scheme for increasing the supply is under consideration, and meanwhile the citizens are being warned to continue boiling the water before use.

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Suspensory Sentence for Coining.—Michael Kenny and Edward Donovan, 130 Oliver Plunket street, Cork, who had pleaded guilty to making and uttering counterfeit coins, were, at Cork Circuit Court yesterday, sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment each, the sentence not to be enforced if the men kept the peace for three years.

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Cork Inquest Adjourned.—Deputy Coroner Joseph McCabe, at Cork yesterday, opened and adjourned the inquest into the death of Mathew Walsh, aged 34, a farmer's son, of Tulligmore, Ballinhassig, who died following injuries received last Thursday, when a horse and cart he was driving was involved in a collision with a lorry.

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Bigger Mental Hospital Estimate.—At the meeting of Tyrone and Fermanagh Mental Hospital Committee yesterday it was stated that the estimates for the coming year exceeded last year's estimates by £3,000, and if the Arbitration Tribunal grants the request of the staff for an increase of 5s. per week the estimates will exceed last year's figures by £4,400.

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New Waterford-Cork Bridge.—Resolutions endorsing the views of the County Surveyors of Waterford and Cork, that the bridge linking the two counties at Youghal was in a wholly dilapidated and dangerous condition; that it would be uneconomic to repair it, and that it should be replaced by a new bridge, were unanimously adopted at Cork County Council yesterday.

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Five Years' Penal Servitude.—At the Belfast Recorder's Court yesterday, before Judge Thompson, Thomas P. Delaney, Ward street, and Wm. A. C. Shannon, Ward street, were charged with possession of 123 rounds of ammunition. The jury found Shannon guilty, and Delaney not guilty. Delaney was discharged, and Shannon was sentenced to five years' penal servitude. Both men refused to plead.

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Jail for Breaking Window.—Martin Buckley, Mount street, Claremorris, was sent to jail for a month for breaking three panes of glass in the shop window of Michael Burns, Mount street, Claremorris, who refused to serve him with a drink. In addition, Buckley was fined 8s. 6d. and 37s. 6d. costs in summonses by the G.S.R. for travelling from Ballyhaunis and Athlone to Claremorris without a ticket.

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Larceny of an Overcoat.—John McGuinness, Attymass, Ballina, was charged at Claremorris District Court yesterday with the larceny of an overcoat belonging to Mr. H. Quinn, solicitor, Tuam, from a railway carriage. The District Justice ordered the defendant to give bail to come up for trial if called upon, applied the Probation of Offenders Act, and ordered him to pay £3 8s. 10d. expenses.

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Dublin Man Found Dead.—The body of Robert Norris, Millmount Villas, Millmount avenue, Drumcondra, an electrician attached to the Board of Works, was found hanging in the dome of the Four Courts yesterday morning. He had been working in the Courts, and the discovery was made by a detective officer who searched the Four Courts when Norris was reported missing.

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Sudden Death.—An inquest was held by Dr. J. P. Brennan yesterday at Londonbridge Road Morgue into the circumstances of the death of Edward Jevens, 22 Pigeon House road, Ringsend, Dublin, who died suddenly at his home on Tuesday last. Jevens had been involved in a motor accident at Irishtown road, Ringsend, on the 19th December, and had been attending hospital for treatment for cuts since. Dr. J. F. Cronin said that death was due to heart failure, and in his opinion the accident had nothing to do with the cause of death, and a verdict to this effect was returned.

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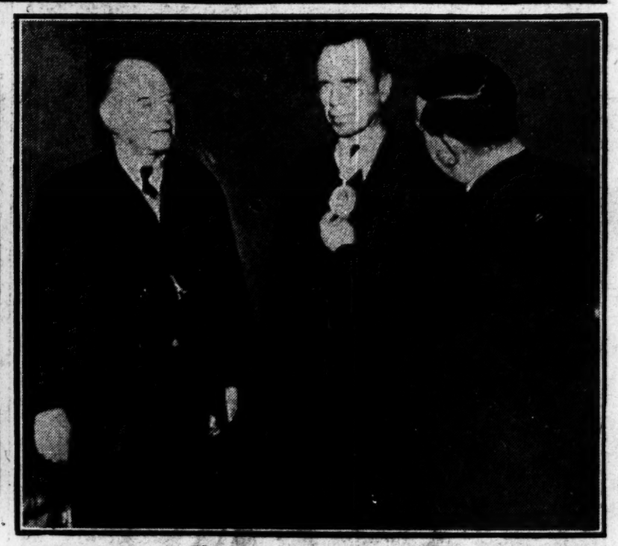
Jail for Hold-Up.—Charged at Wexford District Court on Wednesday with stealing £7, the property of John Sullivan, Newhouse, Bridgetown, George Pierce, Ballygillane, Kilrane, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, and Patrick Sinnott, Ballywitch, Kilrane, to six months' imprisonment. Mrs. Margaret Sullivan said that about one o'clock in the morning two boys came to the door and said there was a motor accident down the road and that bandages were needed. She gave them the bandages through the kitchen window, and one of them said: "This is a hold-up, and it's money we're wanting." She and her husband went and got £2 and gave it to them. They said: "It's no use to us," and witness got £5 and gave it to them. One of the men said: "I have a gun, and it's very handy." The man at the window wore a mask.

THE LATE MR. F. R. HIGGINS

A RECENT PORTRAIT of the late Mr. F. R. Higgins by Sean O'Sullivan, R.H.A.

TO MARRY: Miss Dorothy Brown, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Brown, "The Mount," Waterford, whose engagement is announced to Mr. Basil Ivan Donaldson, second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Donaldson, "Beechlea," Belleek.



MR. P. McGRATH being installed as Chairman of the Dublin Port and Docks Board yesterday by Councillor M. O'Sullivan and Mr. T. O'Connor, Vice-chairman.

THE COMMITTEE of the Coal Trade annual dance in the Gresham Hotel. From left: Mr. A. Clarkin, Miss L. Doran, Mr. W. J. Corry (Chairman), Miss I. Bennett and Mr. R. J. Smyth. Standing: Miss M. Kelly, Mr. R. Walker, Miss E. Lowry, Mr. D. Lonergan, Miss G. Ferguson, Mr. R. Wheeler, Miss D. Walsh and Mr. T. Clarke.

H. THULLIER playing in the Leinster Table Tennis Trials on Wednesday night.

AT CLOUNANNA yesterday, slipping Dr. E. J. Fitzgerald's nomination, Jovial Burglar, and Dr. Roger O'Connor's Tarbert After Midnight in the Irish Plate. Top: Mr. T. A. Morris (Secretary, Irish Coursing Club) with Miss K. Butler, nominator, and Mrs. K. Sheehy, owner of Sly Dasher.

GROW MORE WHEAT

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL'S APPEAL

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Thursday.

A proposal urging the Government to provide credit facilities to buy seed and manures for persons unable to buy them was adopted by Cork County Council to-day.

Mr. M. J. Corry, T.D., said he had received a letter from the Minister for Supplies asking him to try to get larger areas of wheat grown. The situation was critical, and unless they increased the acreage under wheat by some 300,000 acres they were going to be short of bread for their people. He asked the Council to appeal to the farmers for much greater wheat production.

Mr. T. J. Murphy, T.D., said he would like to visualise the prospect of every labourer's plot being tilled and every smallholder contributing to this campaign, but increased loan facilities would be necessary to achieve that.

The Chairman (Mr. W. J. Broderick, T.D.) said a great many people with land available could not afford to purchase the necessary seeds and manures. He suggested the Government should introduce a scheme similar to that governing beet production, whereby the merchants would advance the necessary seeds and manures and be recouped by deducting the cost from the price payable for the subsequent yield.

Mr. Corry said he thought some such scheme as that suggested by the Chairman—and which he personally had put up to the Department—was likely to be adopted.

On the motion of Deputy Murphy, seconded by Deputy Corry, the Council adopted a resolution endorsing the Minister's appeal for increased wheat production, but urging the necessity for credit facilities.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY

LAW NOTICES—Friday, January 10.

The Master of the High Court, at 11 o'clock—Exparte motions.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.
At Examiners' Chambers, 93 Merrion Square.

Before Mr. Franks, at 11 o'clock—Diocesan Trustees of Diocese of Clogher (S.15757), directions. At 12 o'clock—Griffith (bridge tithes, S.4461), discharge rulings.

Before Mr. Grove-White, at 3 o'clock—Purdon (S.9137), discharge rulings and settle schedule.

Before Mr. Jackson, at 11 o'clock—J. K. Cooper (S.15356), discharge rulings. At 3 o'clock—J. P. Cosgreave (S.6264), discharge rulings.

Before Mr. Naish, at 3 o'clock—E. M. Smith (S.4753), vouch.

At 89 Merrion Square.

Before Mr. O'Byrne, at 11 o'clock—Colonel J. H. L. Poë (S.15045), discharge rulings and settle schedule.

ARDNAVEIGH HOUSE BURNED

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Thursday.

Ardnaveigh House, Antrim, was completely gutted by a fire which broke out early this morning. The house, which is situate about a mile from the town of Antrim, on the old Antrim-Kells road, was a stone building, two storeys in height and situate on 100 acres of park lands, and surrounded by extensive lawns, conservatories and flower and fruit gardens.

Up to June last the house had been in the occupation of its owner, Miss Roe, who now resides at Oriel road, Antrim. It formerly belonged to Mr. H. B. Murray, a half-brother of Miss Roe, whose family was interested in the brewing industry in Dundalk.

RATION CARDS FOR HORSES

After February 1, announces the British Ministry of Food, owners of urban horses will only be able to obtain supplies of feeding-stuffs—including oats, beans and bran—by means of an official ration card or coupon. Horses, mules, asses, jennets and donkeys are included in the registration scheme, but it does not apply to horses already registered with the County War Agriculture Executive Committees or Agricultural Departments, or to horses and ponies employed in the mining industry, Army horses and mules, and horses in racing and hunt stables.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT

WOMAN GOES BACK TO JAIL

(BEFORE MR. McCARTHY.)

Kathleen Corrigan, aged 56, Francis street, who was accused of the larceny of a frock, the property of Messrs. Cassidy, South Great George's street, and two handbags, the property of Messrs. Winston, of the same street, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

"You have only come out of Mountjoy, where you have been four times in the last year," said the Justice to her when he was passing sentence.

LARCENY OF A COAT

Stephen Lannigan, aged 38, no business and no fixed address, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment on the charge of the larceny of a man's leatherette overcoat, the property of James Kenny outside whose shop in Parnell street it was said to have been hanging.

Mr. Herman Good, solicitor, who appeared for Lannigan said that the coat had been recovered and no one had suffered any loss.

SIR PATRICK DUN'S HOSPITAL.

A meeting of the Board of Governors of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital was held at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, January 9th, 1941, in the Boardroom of the hospital.

Dr. T. Gillman Morehead in the chair.

Also present:—Miss Boland, Dr. C. C. de Burgh Daly, Mr. C. M. Dobbs, Mr. R. W. Maxwell, Lieutenant-Colonel E. O'Brien, Alderman A. Byrne, Mr. F. Morgan Mooney and Dr. R. H. Micks (Assessor).

The minutes of the last Board meeting, of the House and Finance Committee, and of the General Purposes and Nursing Committee were read and signed. Accounts for December, amounting to £2,543 9/-, were examined and passed for payment. Receipts for December, 1940, amounted to £3,371 9/3. The bank statement, showing a debit balance of £2,838 14/8, was examined.

The House Physician reported that 3,619 patients were treated in the various dispensaries, and 126 cases were admitted to the wards during the month.

The Governors acknowledge with thanks the following subscriptions and donations:—

Colonel C. M. Finny, £1 1/-; Messrs. Arnott and Co., £2 2/-; the Port and Docks Board, £5 5/-; Mrs. Gibbon, £3 5/-; Mr. and Mrs. Scott, 10/6; Messrs. Craig, Gardner and Co., £1 1/-; Mrs. Wm. Fanagan, £1 1/-; Messrs. Boileau and Boyd, Ltd., £3/-; Messrs. Dudgeon and Sons, £3 3/-; C. Dunwoody, Esq., £2 2/-; the Sisters of Charity, Blind Asylum, Merrion, £5 5/-; Messrs. Fannin and Co., £2 2/-; Mrs. Robinson, £1; Messrs. Walpamur Co., Ltd., £3 3/-; Messrs. W. Haughton and Co., Ltd., £1; Miss Bennett, £1; Messrs. Bishop and Co., Ltd., £5; Messrs. Jameson and Son, £5; Messrs. Morgan, Mooney and Co., Ltd., £2 2/-; Messrs. McDonagh and Co., Ltd., £2 2/-; Messrs. Cherry and Smalldridge, Ltd., £2 2/-; R. Curtis, Esq., £1 1/-; A. Sibthorpe, Esq., £1; Messrs. Sibthorpe and Co., Ltd., £1; Messrs. Boland and Co., Ltd., £2 2/-; Messrs. Pim Bros., £4 4/-; Messrs. Haden and Co., Ltd., £2 2/-; Messrs. Maguire and Gatchell, Ltd., £1; Messrs Douglas and Sons, £1; Messrs. G. and C. McLoughlin, Ltd., £3 3/-; Messrs. Bass, Ratcliffe and Gretton, Ltd., £1 1/-; Messrs. Drought and Co., Ltd., £2 2/-; Messrs. Hilton Bros., Ltd., £5 5/-; Victor X-ray Corporation, Ltd., £1; Mrs. A. Biddulph, £1 1/-; Messrs. Gibson and Son, £1; Mrs. B. Lynch, £1 1/-; the Right Hon. Lord Moyne, £2 2/-; Messrs. Heiton and Co., Ltd., £1 1/-; Messrs. Betson and Co., Ltd., £3 13/9; the Hon. G. Fitzgibbon, LL.D., £2 2/-; Mrs. Coldwell, £2 2/-; the Dublin Trawling, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., £2 2/-; Messrs. W. D. and H. O. Wills, Ltd., £15.

The Lady Superintendent gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:—

Mrs. Jamieson, sack of apples; Mrs. Morgan Mooney, sack of apples; the Rector, Kilternan Church, Harvest Thanksgiving gifts; the Rector, Harold's Cross Church, Harvest Thanksgiving gifts; Messrs. John Jameson, 1 bottle whiskey, whist drive prize; Mrs. Crawford, 6 packs playing cards and flowers; Messrs. Johnston, Mooney and O'Brien, 4 boxes cakes, 1 slab fruit cake for whist drive; Messrs. Pim Bros., loan of 36 chairs for whist drive; Messrs. Strahan and Co., loan of 42 tables for whist drive; the Rev. Canon McClean, 12 plovers; Mr. Ennis, silver paper; Miss J. E. Gibson, books and magazines for patients; Miss Blake, gifts for Christmas Tree; Messrs. Jacob and Co., magazines and cakes for patients; Dr. and Mrs. Woods, toys for Children's Ward; Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Whelan, 4 sides bacon and 2 hams for Christmas; Miss Hall, toys for Christmas Tree; Miss McGinley, turkey for Christmas; Mr. F. Cannon, Esq., turkey for Christmas; Miss Sally Gill, books and toys for patients; Mr. Heatley, toys for Children's Ward; Messrs. Pigott and Co., loan of piano for Christmas festivities.

"TOUCH AND GO"

WORDS WITH SEA ORIGINS

NAUTICAL TERMS IN ENGLISH USAGE

FOR a few hundreds of years the parlance of a vast seagoing and coast wise population in Great Britain, writes a correspondent in *The Navy*, has been gradually percolating into general usage until nowadays we all use dozens of words and expressions which had their origin at sea but have now "swallowed the anchor" and take their turn with those culled from ring and field.

Here is a sentence containing eight nautical terms. How many do you recognise?

"They were taken aback when the mainstay of the family went on strike and lost his berth, as being hard up it was touch and go whether they could carry on to the bitter end."

TAKEN "ABACK"

A ship was "aback" when through neglect or a shift of wind her sails were blown against the masts and ceased to give any headway. And the "mainstay" is the stoutest rope in the rigging and the forward support of the mainmast. To "strike" is "to lower," and a ship used to strike her colours when the flag was lowered as a sign of surrender. Ashore workmen adopted the term in "striking their tools," which soon became abbreviated to "striking" and "going on strike."

A ship's "berth" is her position at anchor in a roadstead and "Hard up" the order to put up the helm to windward, and run the ship off before a squall; hence to be "hard up" means being unable to hold one's own any longer to windward, and so—by inference—short of cash. "Touch and go" explains itself—a ship is said to touch and go when she scrapes over a shoal without actually stopping.

When a ship was carrying a great press of sail, the order to "Carry on" meant that it was not to be reduced, while the "bitter end" which sounds like the dregs of a nasty drink refers to the inboard end of a cable which is turned round the "bitts"—two strong timber uprights in the forepart of the ship. When a vessel is dragging her anchor and the cable is payed out to the "bitter end" it means that no more can be let go if the hook does not hold.

"ON AND OFF"

When you say you do a thing "on and off" you are using the term which denotes that a ship in turning to windward comes in with the land on one tack and stands out to sea on the other—she is then standing on and off.

And when the ships turns from one tack to another she is "put about"—although cook says "she *was* put about" without appreciating her naval phraseology. Nor when the chairman refers to his casting vote does he realise that to "cast" is to turn the ship's head in a required direction.

To "edge" is to luff gently toward a ship to windward and "edge away" to increase your distance, while "cut and run" is an old sea term meaning to cut the cable and run off before the wind out of trouble, without waiting to get up the anchor.

"LOGGERHEADS"

A "logger-head" was a lump of iron with a long handle which, when heated, was plunged into the pitch pot to melt it. So when men came to "logger-heads" on the lower deck they had very effective weapons to hand. After a seam was caulked with oakum it was "payed" with pitch, and the "devil," so-called, being the upper out board strake on the hull side was the hardest seam to pay. Hence the meaning of the full phrase, "The devil to pay and no pitch hot," meaning a doubly difficult job. In the same way, anyone "between the devil and the deep sea" had nothing between himself and Davy Jones. But "to sound" has an obvious naval origin—the use of a lead line to find the depth of water round a ship, and we use it in a proper sense when we talk about "sounding" anyone to find out their opinions.

"THREE SHEETS"

In these sober days "three sheets in the wind" has gone out of fashion, but it meant someone not quite drunk whose movements were unsteady or uncertain. A ship would be three sheets in the wind when she was so near the wind that the "sheets" or ropes attached to the lower corners of the three chief sails were all shaking.

When you say, "I gave him the slip after all," you are not using the word "slip" in its usual sense as a short slide, but in its nautical meaning of letting the end of the cable run out quickly after it has been buoyed to avoid getting up the anchor. This was usually done to escape an enemy when taken unawares.

"Reaches" in the Thames are stretches of water which could be used for a long tack, and so to "over-reach" meant sailing longer upon a tack than was necessary. A seaman would say, "He held on too long and over-reached himself—should have tacked sooner."

"TRICE"

We use the word 'trice" in two senses—to tie up securely and "in a trice" to perform an action quickly. Its origin a-loat combines the two meanings as "to trice up" was to make something secure and then to hoist it quickly

"Trim" as used in referring to a ship's seat on the water—when she is "well trimmed" her ballast is not making her draw too much water fore or aft. We mean the same when we talk about someone or something as "being in good trim" or in getting something trimmed down or made level.

And, of course, "not enough room to swing a cat" meant a cat o' nine tails and not poor pussy—but every one knows that these days.

"Braces" are the ropes used to turn the yards across the masts, and they were "braced up sharp" when they were as nearly pointing fore and aft as the rigging allowed. Hence the "braces" you wear, and your feeling "braced up." And "aloof" comes from the order "Keep your luff" when a ship was wanted nearer the direction of the wind, which became "Keep a luff" or "aloof"—and so to keep away from the wrong course.

"CHOCK O' BLOCK"

And I will pipe down on "chock o' block." When a rope was too big to pass through a pulley or block, this was said to be choked—hence a choked block which became "chock o' block" or filled up.

So much for a few of the shore-going sea terms. And is there any other source from which so many words and phrases have been culled?

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.—10 a.m. Psalm, 82. Chant, 41. Benedictus, 39. Litany. Anthem, "Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake." Farrant. Evensong at 4 o'clock. Unaccompanied Service. Psalm, 55. Chant, 76. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis. Whitfeld in E. Anthem, "O Thou who makest Souls to shine." Tallis.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—Matins at 10.45 o'clock. Venite, 160. Psalm, 52 (164). Jubilate, 171. Litany. Evensong at 3 o'clock. Psalm, 54 (170). Nunc Dimittis, John Goss (1800-1850) in E. Anthem, "O praise the Lord, all ye heathen," Earl of Willon (b. 1799).

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